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司馬懿家破人亡 燎原火哭別殘兵

司馬懿的反曹行動開始了！料不到同時……

許臨長子許定竟帶同手下，往司馬家趕盡殺絕。

張雷明知不可擋住敵人的進攻，仍然獨力把關。

可惜，面對怒不可遏的許定，張雷最後不只敗陣，更賠上了左腿。

幸得燎原火及時出現，眾人脫險。

司馬懿驚聞家破人亡，只得撤走清風寨和各路盟友，自己暫寄山家避難。

經此一役之後，司馬懿和燎原火分別找到了自己的人生目標！

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WITH THE WEST CITY BREACHED, CIVILIANS HAVE ALL FLED HERE.

AND THE WORST PART IS HE CANNOT BUDGE DUE TO LIU BIAO'S THREAT.

LIU CHONG'S ALLIED FORCES ARE CONTINUING THEIR ADVANCES, NOW SEPARATING US FROM OUR LORD.

IF THIS KEEPS UP, OUR LORD'S FOOD SUPPLIES WILL BE CRITICALLY LOW.

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CHAPTER 207 BUSINESS IS BUSINESS

WHAT A PATHETIC LOSS FOR CAO HONG - LOSING THE WEST CITY.

CAO REN

GUO JIA

THAT'S NOT HIS FAULT. YOU SHOULD BLAME IT ON THE SHORTAGE OF TROOPS!

DON'T PRAISE THE ENEMY. RIGHT NOW WE MUST ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH OUR LORD, THEN DECIDE WHAT TO DO.

LIU CHONG HAS SHOWN SOME SKILLS AS A COMMANDER BACK WHEN HE WAS FIGHTING THE YELLOW TURBANS.

AND THIS CONFRONTATION PROVED IT.

WHO IS WILLING TO BREAK THROUGH THE SIEGE AND GIVE MY STRATEGY TO OUR LORD?

DON'T WORRY, HE HAS ALREADY SENT SUCH A MAN.

I CAN WALK JUST FINE.

LI DIAN

SIRS, OUR LORD'S RATIONS WILL ONLY LAST A MONTH.

THIS MAN...

TAKING HIS LIFE IS THE HARDEST THING IN THE WORLD.

HOO, SOONER THAN I THOUGHT.

I'M TOO IMPATIENT. TELL ME WHAT THE TACTIC IS.

LI DIAN, YOU STAY TO RECOVER; I'LL SEND ANOTHER MESSENGER IN YOUR PLACE.

FINE, I'LL PREPARE IT IMMEDIATELY FOR YOU TO TAKE BACK.

WEST CITY.

HAHAHA, ANOTHER CITY DOWN.

SHI YUAN'S DEPLOYMENT IS REALLY AMAZING. AN EYE-OPENER.

CAO CAO'S RATIONS WILL ONLY LAST A MONTH. VERY GOOD.

NOTE: PANG TONG, COURTESY NAME SHI YUAN

LIU CHONG'S SUBORDINATE

LUO JUN

EXPEL THE TIGER AND EAT THE WOLF; LU BU AND YUAN SHU WILL SOON START A FIGHT THAT WOULD LEAVE BOTH SIDES IN RUINS,

SO ONCE WE FINISH CAO CAO THE THREATS FROM BOTH THE EAST AND SOUTH WOULD BE RELATIVELY EASED. THAT'S THE BEST STRATEGY.

PEOPLE AT THE SCHOOL OF WATER MIRROR MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT YOU WERE INTENDING TO HELP LIU BEI.

IN ORDER FOR THE LIU CLAN TO RETAKE THE WORLD, EVERYTHING MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF. AND NOW MASTER AND THE REST MIGHT SUDDENLY REALIZE THE TRUTH.

OUR LORD IS BACK!

HAHA, A MISDIREC-TION; UNAWARE OF THE ORIOLE BEHIND.

LORD LIU!

LORD LIU!

THERE ARE MANY ABLE MEN IN THE WORLD; HOW CAN ONE CLAIM THERE ARE ONLY TWO GREAT RULERS?

CHEN KINGDOM'S LIU CHONG IS A BRILLIANT AND WELL-LOVED RULER. HE WILL MAKE SOMETHING OF HIMSELF ONE DAY.

SEVENTH.

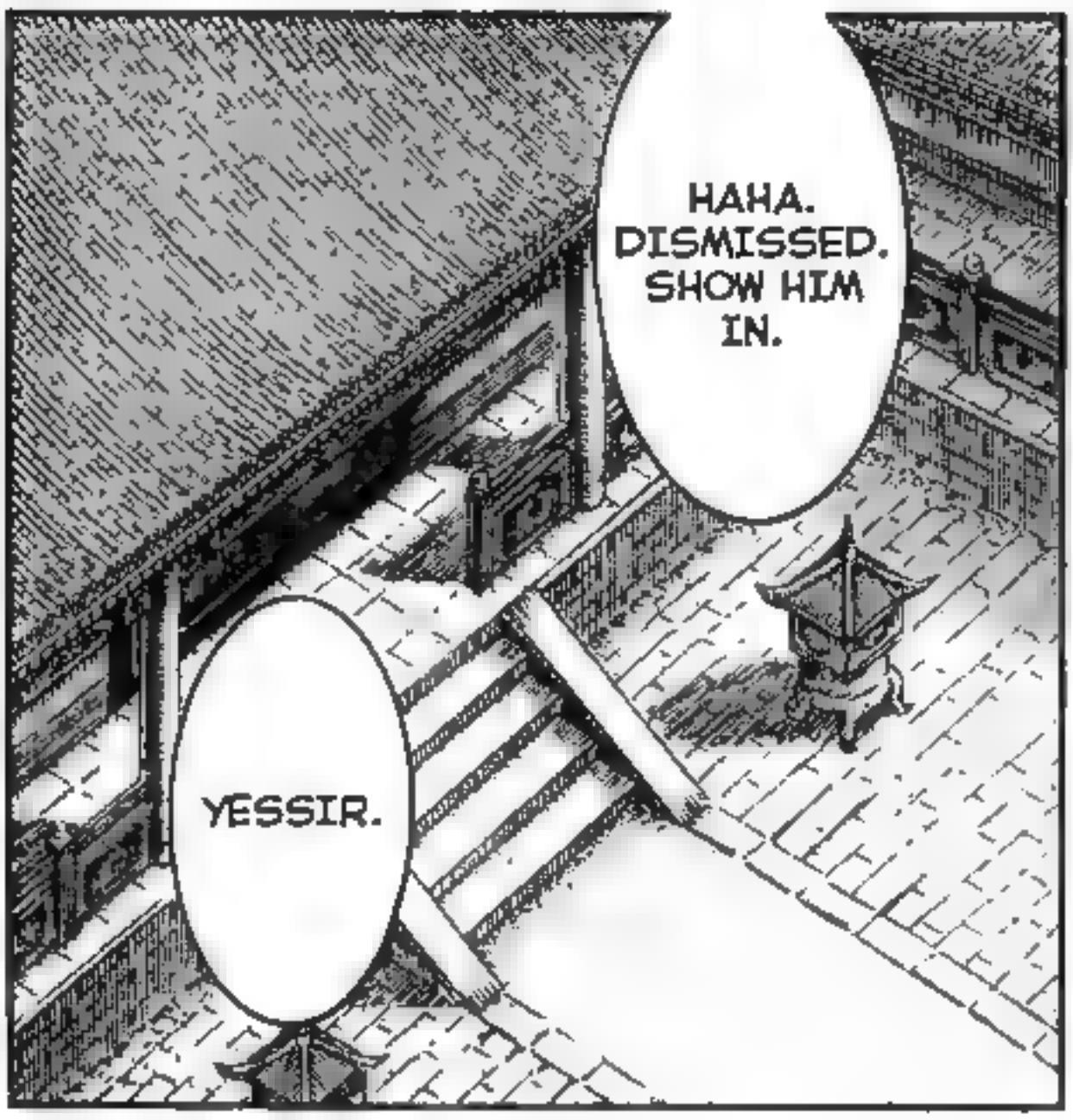
LIU CHONG

PANG TONG

MY LORD IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE MAN YOU ADMIRE.

SMART BIRDS CHOOSE THE TREE THEY LAND ON; IT MAY BE FOR RESTING, OR TO GET A PUSH TO FLY EVEN HIGHER.







OH, QUITE GUTSY...

XUN YU

WHAT ELSE WOULD SCARE ME AFTER HAVING DIED ONCE?

NONONO, MY YOUNGER BROTHER SAID, SIR XUN IS A KIND MAN;

I'M AFRAID YOUR CLAN IS A PAINTED TARGET - SOON TO PERISH.

SIMA LANG

SURELY YOU WOULDN'T JUST WATCH US DIE.

I DID NOT SAY WHOM YOU SHOULD HELP.

SURREN-DER? OR STRIKE?*

THEN TELL THE JERK TO TURN HIMSELF IN NOW.

SILLY. YOUR PEOPLE PUT A ROPE AROUND YOUR OWN NECKS, WHY SHOULD I HELP YOU?

* WORD PLAY ON HOMONYMS

I HEARD THAT... CAO CAO IS IN SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE...

SO DOES THE SIMA CLAN. NOW WE'RE A LITTLE BETTER OFF RESIDING SOMEWHERE ELSE.

HE MAY BE IN TROUBLE, BUT WE ALWAYS KNOW HOW TO WIN.

FRANKLY, WOULDN'T YOU BE HAPPIER IF WE LOSE?

A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY JUST HAD A GREAT HARVEST AT YUZHOU THIS YEAR. WHAT ABOUT YOUR EATERS AT NANYANG?

MY BROTHER SAID, CAO CAO MAY BE AN ANTI-HERO, BUT NO ONE IS MORE WORTHY OF AN INVESTMENT THAN HIM.

YOU TWO SEEM TO AGREE ON THIS POINT.

HOO, MIXING BUSINESS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS MAKES FOR INCOMPREHENSIBLE RUBBISH.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, LAST YEAR MY SEVENTH SHIDI MENTIONED A STRANGE THEORY IN A LETTER.

I WONDER... ARE THESE YOUR BROTHER'S WORDS,

OR AM I ENTERTAINING GROUNDLESS FEARS?

AGAIN, HOW DID AN ANTI-HERO LIKE CAO CAO GET THE SUPPORT OF A PRINCIPLED MAN LIKE SIR XUN...

FIGHTING A POWERFUL ENEMY IS LIKE HITTING A ROCK WITH AN EGG; IT MAY BE BETTER TO AID EVIL,

BRINGING PEACE TO THE WORLD SOONER, THEN LAID THE GROUNDWORK FOR A COUP. MUCH MORE BENEFICIAL THAT WAY.

WITH MY SKILLED AND SYSTEMATIC GUIDANCE, AN ANTI-HERO WOULD ONLY BE IMPERIAL HAN'S MOST LOYAL MINISTER.

SO IF YOU DON'T EVEN FEAR A POWERFUL FIGURE LIKE CAO CAO, WHY BE AFRAID OF PETTY MONEY-LOVERS?

FINE THEN. I WILL HELP YOU ONCE MY LORD RECEIVES THE RATIONS FROM YUZHOU.

IT'S A DEAL.

OUTSIDE WEST CITY. LIU CHONG'S MAIN CAMP.

MERCY FOR ANOTHER? OR FOR ONESELF?

THE SEVEN WARLORDS WITHIN THE PROVINCE HAVE ALSO DECIDED.

THOSE INSIDE THE CITY WHO ARE LOYAL TO IMPERIAL HAN HAVE SURRENDERED.

FLAG READS: 劉

AND THERE IS ANOTHER GROUP THAT WE MUST TAKE IN.

YOU MEAN...

THEIR TROOPS HAVE JOINED OURS, AND ARE AWAITING ORDERS.

VERY GOOD. OUR PRINCIPLE IS TO ACCEPT ANYONE WHO SUPPORTS HAN.

ADVISOR WOULD NOT TAKE IN SIMA CLAN'S SERVANTS?

YES. WE DID THEM WRONG.

WE MUST REGARD THEM LIKE HONORED GUESTS, AND TREAT THEM WELL.

I NEVER OWE OTHERS.

YES. THEY FOUGHT ALONGSIDE WITH US, BUT SADLY BECAME OUR SHIELD AND ENDED UP LIKE THIS, SO I...

SO MANY HAVE COME; OUR LORD REALLY DOES HAVE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT.

WE HOPE TO HAVE YOUR CONTINUED GUIDANCE, ADVISOR.

A WISE MOVE? OR A MISTAKE?

HEY, DON'T WANDER AROUND!

HAI.

I'M SORRY, BUT THIS MAN IS A FOREIGNER, SO...

FOREIGNER? WHAT A MEDLEY MOB.

HA, THE SO CALLED KINGDOM TO THE NORTH REFERS TO THE KINGDOM OF CHEN.

HAI?

THE TWO BECAME SILENT.


A GREETING,
AND A FAREWELL.

NOTHING CAN BE SEEN WHEN IT'S DARK

IT'S DONE, YOUNG MASTER.

BUY A FEW PLOTS OF LAND WITH MY MONEY; FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED...

AS FOR YOU...

MAKE SURE GUO ANG'S SON GETS ALL THE PROPER TRAINING AT HIS VILLAGE; LET HIM BECOME A TALENTED MAN.

LEI... HOW IS HE?

THANKFULLY HIS BODY HELD ON.

CHAPTER 208 ONTO A BRIGHTER PATH

I KNOW.
IT'S MY
FAULT...

HAD I NOT INSISTED ON ASSASSIN-ATING CAO CAO ON MY OWN...

HUO,

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH YOU? SOMEBODY FIGURED OUT HOW WE WORK, THAT'S ALL.

THE SEED OF TROUBLE WE'VE PLANTED LONG AGO -

IS NOW READY TO BE UPROOTED. MIGHT AS WELL...

SFX TA TA

ZHONG DA, WHATRE YOU DOING?

THAT'S DANGEROUS! GET BACK INSIDE!

BACK TO WHERE?

IT'S DAYLIGHT OUT.

BACK TO THE DARKNESS?

BEAT IT.

THERE'S NO USE FOR YOU HERE ANYMORE.

WHAT CAN YOU DO HERE?

LIU BIAO'S CAMP

YOU MEAN THIS WAS ALL PLANNED?

I TOLD YOU ALREADY, YOU CAN'T FIGHT CAO CAO WITH BRUTE FORCE.

MY LORD, WHICH SIDE IS LOOKING GOOD RIGHT NOW?

WHO ELSE BUT THE LIU CLAN?

NOT ONLY DID YOU FAIL IN KILLING HIM, YOUR TERRITORY ALSO ENDED UP IN LIU BIAO'S CONTROL.

IT'S DAYLIGHT OUT.

JIA XU

YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL FRIEND FROM FOE, MY LORD.

ZHANG XIU

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

JIA XU,

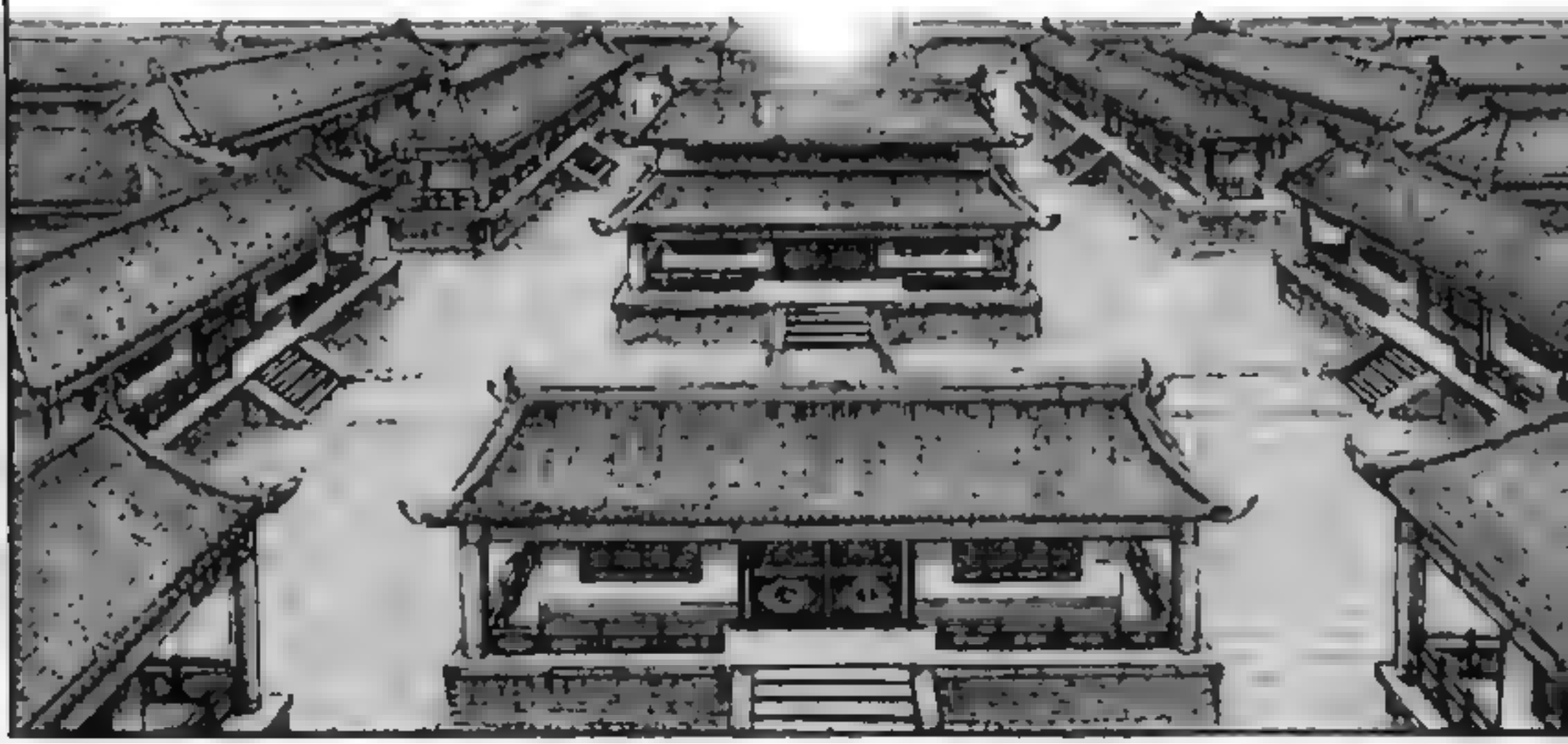
THAT DEPENDS ON YOU, MY LORD.

I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY FROM NOW ON.

VERY GOOD.

WHAT ONCE LEFT HAS RETURNED

NOTHING'S CHANGED





WITH THE SUPPORT OF YUZHOU'S MERCHANTS, WE MIGHT BE SEEING THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL.

WE BUSINESSMEN RELY ON FORESIGHT. ADVISOR GUO MAY NOT BE ASKING, BUT YOU COULD BE THINKING IT.

WE RATHER LEND YOU THE SUPPORT THAN BE ROBBED.

FIRST, AFTER LI DIAN RETURNED TO WAN A FEW DAYS AGO THE CAO ARMY DEPLOYMENT SUDDENLY CHANGED.

OH, SO YOU'VE NOTICED NANYANG'S DEPLOYMENT.

SECOND, WE FIGURED THAT IF THIS FIGHT CONTINUES, THE SLOW MARKET WILL WORSEN OUR LOSSES.

YOU FIGURED EXACTLY, I'M IMPRESSED.

ADVISOR GUO, WE JUST WANT EVERYTHING TO STAY THE SAME. MONEY FIRST, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

THEN EVERYTHING'S EASIER NOW.

BUT SPEAKING OF WHICH ...

VERY GOOD.

YES.

THAT DEPENDS ON YOU, ADVISOR.

FINALLY GETTING TO THE POINT. I DON'T LIKE BEATING AROUND THE BUSH EITHER.

HOW'RE YOU GOING TO DELIVER THE RATIONS WITHIN LIU CHONG'S TERRITORY?

SAY, WHAT ARE SIMA YI'S TERMS?

MILITARY RATION IS JUST THE FIRST GIFT. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE REAL DEAL NOW.

TELL HIM.

I'M SURE YOU WOULDN'T REFUSE, ADVISOR.

JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.

LIU CHONG'S CAMP

TAKE A LIFE,

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.

HAI.

SAN CHUAN

THE SIMA CLAN HATES CAO CAO, SURE,

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE WILL HELP YOU.

YOU'RE TOO TRUSTING, LIU CHONG.

WE
WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR YOU TO VISIT.

HURRY, IT'S LIGHT OUT.

HAI.



LET'S GO.

EVERYTHING'S
CLEAR WHEN
DAYLIGHT COMES

BEAT IT.

GO FIND A WORTHY LORD, THEN USE MY FUNDS TO HELP HIM.

EMPOWER HIM, ENOUGH TO RIVAL CAO CAO.

AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO TAKE THE THRONE.

DAYLIGHT HAS COME.

TODAY YOU CAN FINALLY TAKE THAT STEP.

HAVEN'T YOU BEEN WANTING TO LEAVE THIS DARK MAZE?

BEAT IT,

MY "ENEMY"

TAKE CARE,
YOUNG MASTER.

WHAT HAS
HISTORY
FORGOTTEN?

OR HAS IT
ALREADY LEFT
ITS BURNING
MARK?

IS IT
FORGOTTEN?

SIMPLETONS,
OPEN YOUR
EYES!

WHY STAY
LOYAL TO
A DEAD
EMPIRE?

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CHAPTER 209 A SEAR IN HISTORY

LÜ BU, THIS IS HEAVEN'S WAY!

GUAN-ZI SAID THE END OF EXTREME IS THE OPPOSITE, AND THE END OF A FLOURISHING EMPIRE IS ITS DECLINE. THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

YUAN HUS SUPREME COMMANDER

JI LING

HENCE THE DEATH OF QIN, AND THE DEATH OF HAN.

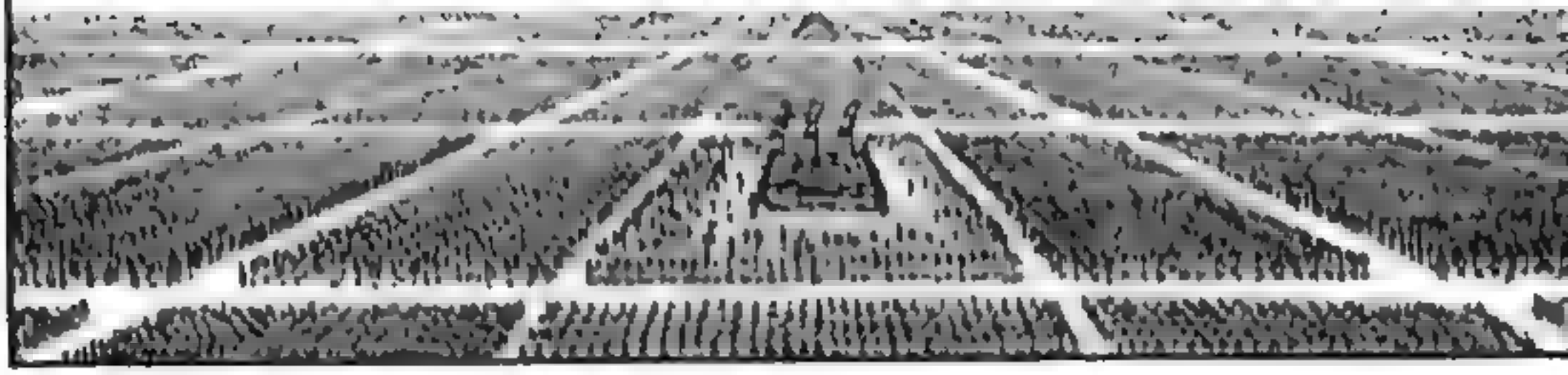
LISTEN, HE'S REPEATING AGAIN, HAHA.

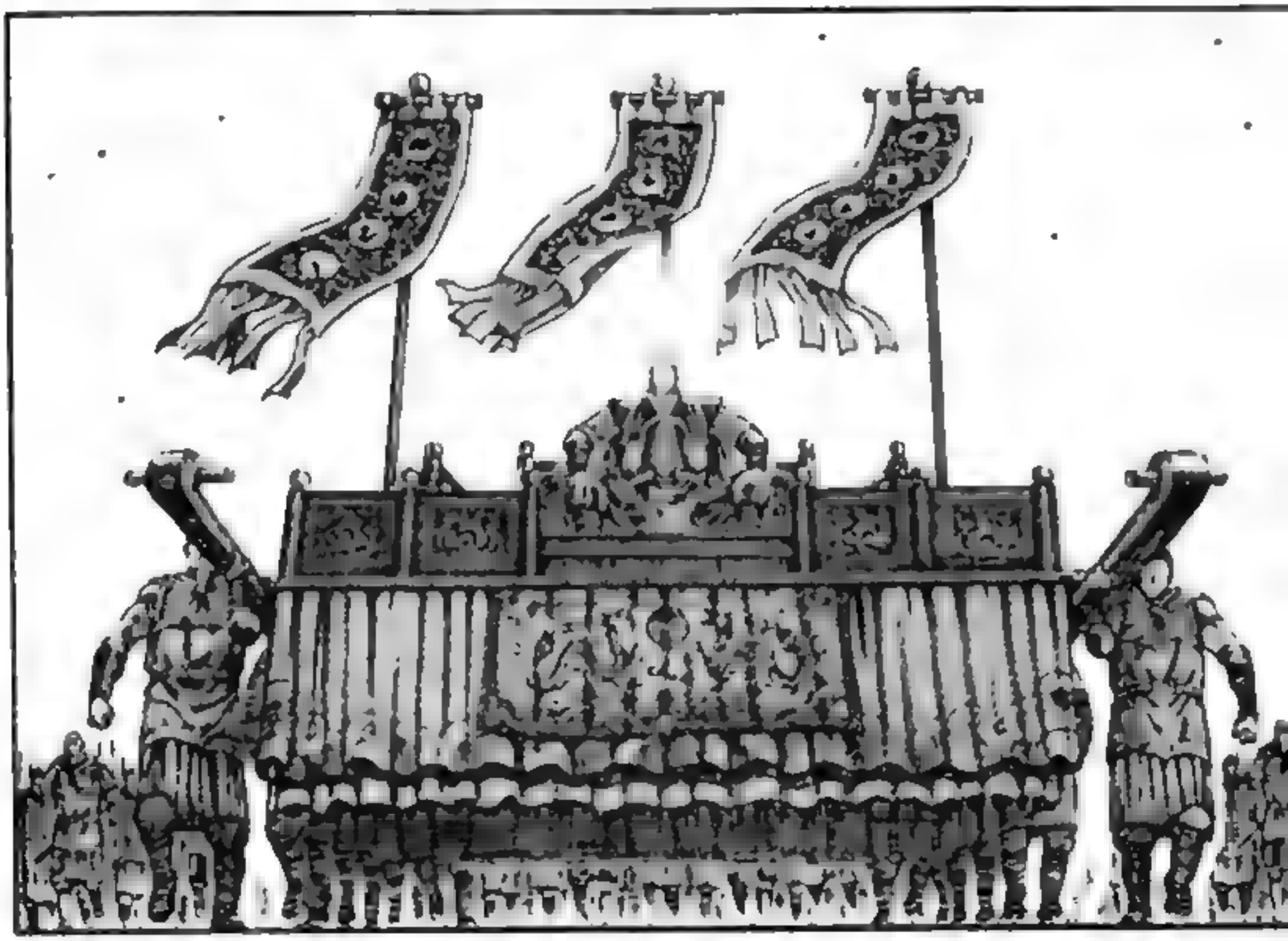
LOOK OVER THERE.

ZHANG LIAO

RECITING TIRELESSLY - JUST LIKE IN SCHOOL.

THAT STAR-PUPIL SURE HAS MEMORIZED HIS HISTORY TEXT.






OK, WHERE IS CHEN GONG?


WHAT A HUGE THRONE; WE CAN SEE IT EVEN FROM HERE.
YUAN SHU CAME HIMSELF, SO HE REALLY WANTS TO WIN.

COULD IT BE...

WHO DO YOU THINK IT IS THIS TIME?

CHEN GONG WENT TO GREET A MAN FROM CAO CAO'S CAMP.

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A WHILE; SO, BROTHER HUANG HAS STARTED WRITING AGAIN.

YOU'RE FUNNY, IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT OF A TASK; ANYONE CAN DO IT.

OH, SAME OLD CHEN GONG.

NOT REALLY, BROTHER HUANG. SO, HOW'S THE TEXT COMING?

DO YOU REMEMBER A MAN NAMED DONG ZHUO?

YES, THE PREVIOUS MAN WHO CONTROL-LED THE EMPEROR.

YOU GUESSED IT. WE'D NEED TO DESCRIBE THE FORMER AS LUSTY, WASTEFUL AND CRUEL, JUST LIKE THE SECOND EMPEROR.

HISTORIAN

HUANG DA

THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A DYNASTY CHANGE. IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THE RULE, THE ENEMY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ALL THE BLAME. HISTORIANS ARE BUT TOOLS FOR PROPAGANDA.

CHEN GONG

HE'S DONE SIMILAR THINGS AS YOUR LORD CAO CAO. AND IN ORDER TO RAISE YOUR LORD'S REPUTATION, YOU MUST FIRST...

AND THIS PIG WILL FINALLY MEET HIS DESTINED "END".

THAT'S HISTORY. KNOWING HOW SMART THE FIRST EMPEROR WAS, HOW COULD HE RAISE A SON, THE SECOND EMPEROR, THAT WAS A "FOOLISH HEDONIST"?

HAHA, THEREFORE WE CANNOT SIMPLY DESCRIBE DONG ZHUO AS AN IDIOT; HE'S ALSO GOING TO BE AN AMBITIOUS PIG.

SO... THE MAN WHO KILLED HIM IS...

THAT'S WHY MY LORD HAS SENT ME HERE TO OBSERVE THE BATTLE. I'M INTERESTED IN LU BU'S "SINCERITY".

FRANKLY, EVEN IF IT WAS LU BU... HE WOULD NEED TO DO A GOOD JOB IF HE WANTS A BETTER RECOUNT.

HAHA, WITH YOUR COOPERATION, I'M SURE IT WOULD LOOK GOOD.

THAT'S EASY. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU SEE, BROTHER HUANG.

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE TO PLAY BY THE "SCRIPT".

OH, CAO CAO'S HISTORIANS.

THEIR TWO-HUNDRED-THOUSAND ARMY STRENGTH WILL IMMOBILIZE LU BU. WE ALL KNOW HOW THIS BATTLE WILL END.

YUAN SHU OVERSEES THIS BATTLE PERSONALLY, AND EVEN HAS THE FAMOUS JI LING AS THE COMMANDER.

ARCHERS, CROUCH!

TWO-HUNDRED .. THOUSAND? HOW CAN THERE BE SO MANY PEOPLE IN YUAN SHU'S KINGDOM?

INCOMING!

DEFENDERS DOWN THERE BE CAREFUL!

OH...

THE NEXT BIT IS EASY TO WRITE. XUZHOU'S PEOPLE COWERED IN FEAR, THE SCENE BECAME HORRID, AND THEN...

IT'S NOON.

HE IS.

THAT'S RIGHT.

LU BU!

LÜ BU! IF YOU DON'T COME OUT TO FIGHT ME,

WE WILL LIGHT THE NEXT VOLLEY AND WASTE THIS PLACE!

DO YOU WANT THE MAIN CITY OR NOT?

OUR TARGET IS YUAN SHU'S SUPPLY LINE. WE'LL FORCE THEM TO WITHDRAW AFTER A MONTH.

A MONTH?

HOW IS IT?

GAO SHUN HAS SETUP AMBUSH OUTSIDE THE CITY.

RIGHT NOW YUAN SHU'S ARMY HAS AT LEAST THREE MONTHS' WORTH OF FOOD.

CHEN GONG, THIS IS...

TAKE YOUR TIME. MY LORD'S REINFORCE-MENTS WILL COME SOON.

OKAY, PLEASE NOTE, LU BU WILL FEND OFF THE ENEMY...

A HISTORIAN.

YOU CAN WRITE IT HOWEVER YOU WANT.

IN ONE DAY.

SIMPLETONS, OPEN YOUR EYES, THIS COUNTRY...

ALRIGHT ALRIGHT ENOUGH ALREADY. LÜ BU IS COMING!

SFX: KA-

CEASE FIRE!

GOOD!

I CHALLENGE YOU.

I ACCEPT!

CROWD GASP

嗥

A DUEL...

DON'T WORRY, BROTHER HUANG, NEITHER OF THEM LIKE TO WASTE MANPOWER.

SPEAKING OF WASTE, DON'T YOU THINK THAT YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TALENTS HERE IN XUZHOU?

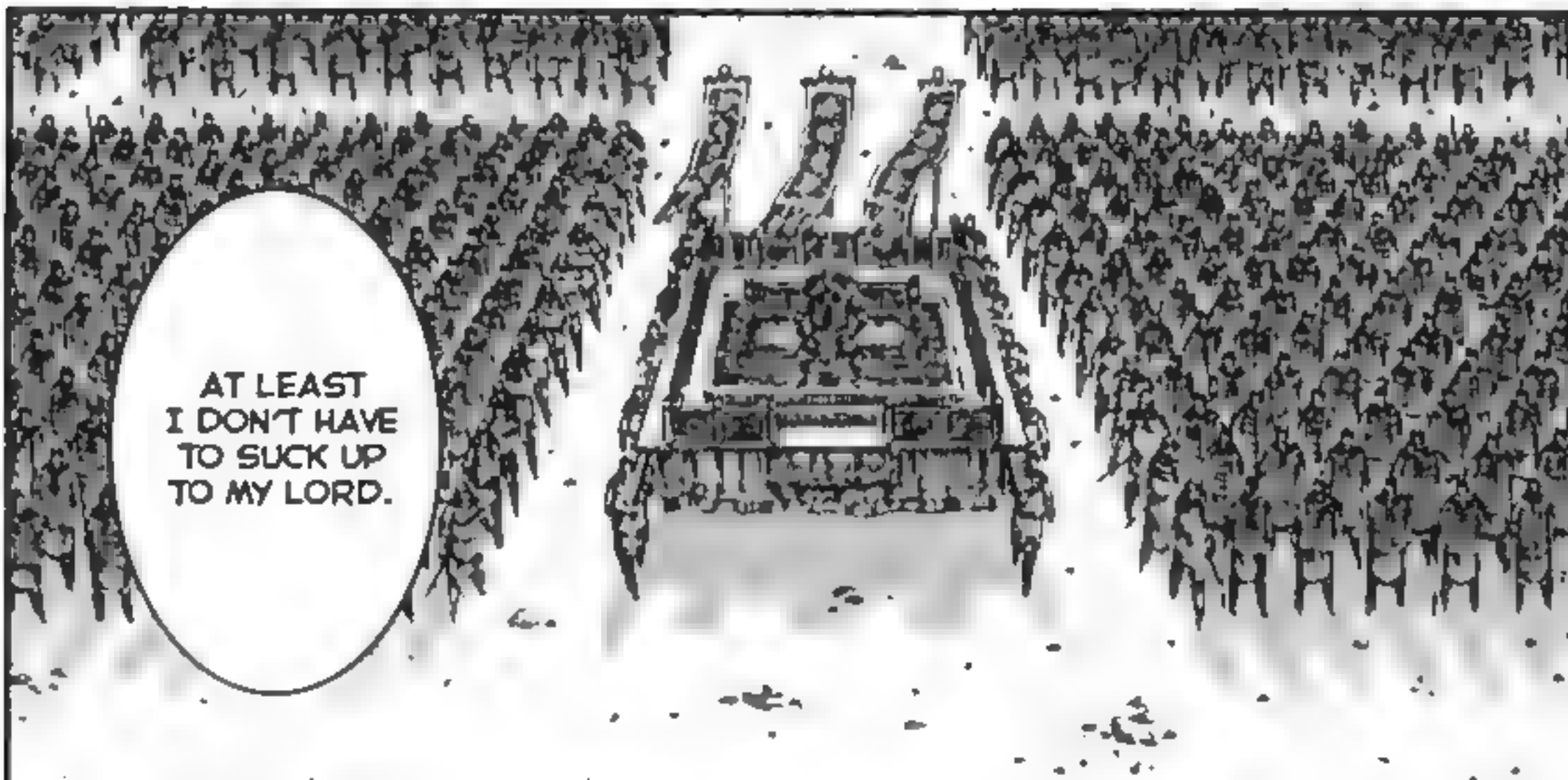
OH.




NOT REALLY, BROTHER HUANG.


ADVISOR XUN HAS ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT THERE IS A JOB IN THE COURT THAT IS WORTH YOUR TIME...


I DON'T FEEL LIKE I'M WASTING MY LIFE HERE.


AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE TO SUCK UP TO MY LORD.

JI LING, GENERAL FROM HEAVEN!

ZHONGLA EMPEROR,

YUAN SHU

JI LING

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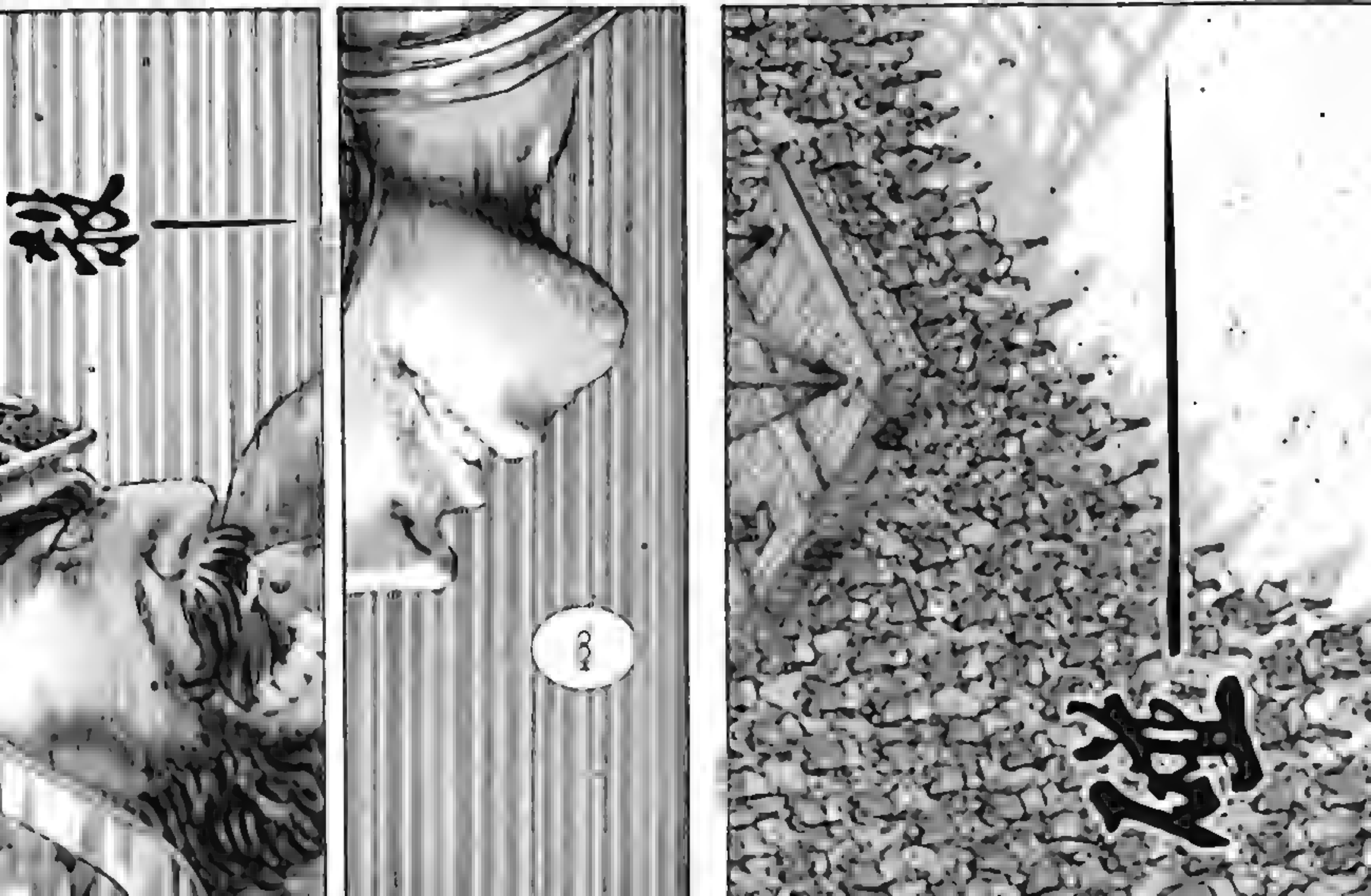
GENERAL FROM HEAVEN

WHAT A BIG TITLE.

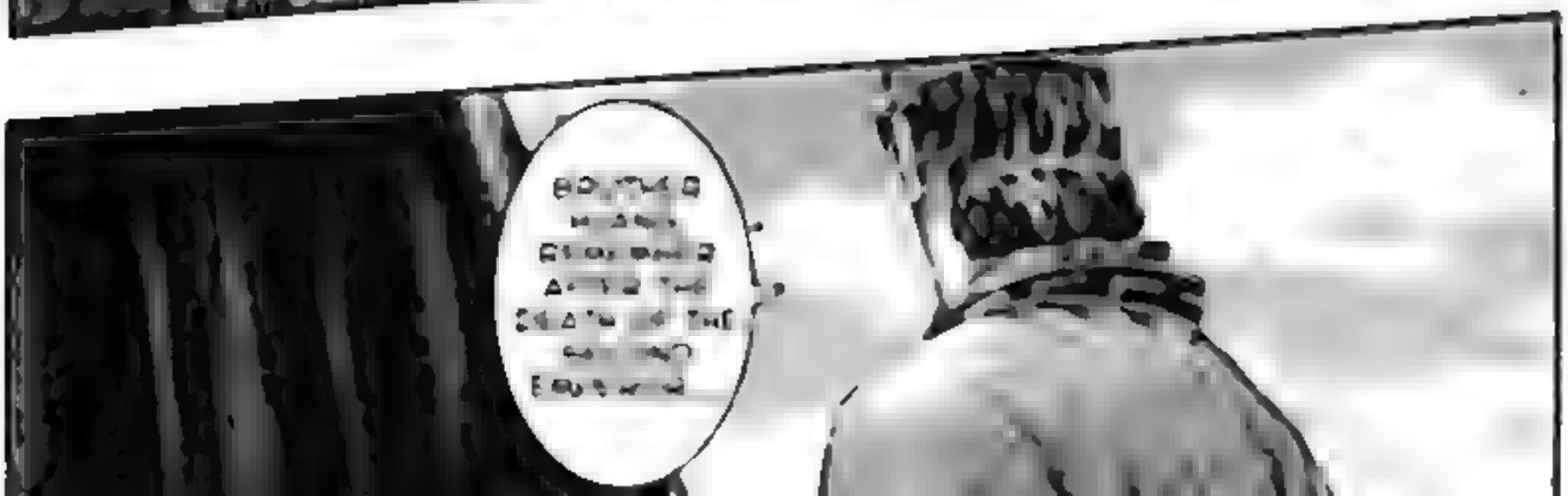
GO.

HE... HE WENT IN ALONE...

HE'D BE... SHOT THROUGH AND THROUGH!









DO YOU REMEMBER A MAN NAMED XIANG YU?

HOLD YOUR FIRE! WAIT... WAIT A MOMENT,

GENERAL JI IS STILL ALIVE!

DIDN'T YOU WANT TO TAKE ME OUT COLD? DO IT, IF NOT...

SHUH

CHAPTER 210 CHU AND HAN REVISITED

HERE I COME.

LOOK OUT! HE'S COMING!

LÜ BU! I DARE YOU TO PUT DOWN THE HOSTAGE!

SFX: PONG~

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DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME!

SFX PONG~

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BUT I FEEL THAT HE IS MORE SKILLED THAN XIANG YU.

HE DOES THINGS AS HE PLEASES, NO WONDER PEOPLE THINK OF HIM AS A COURAGEOUS BRUTE.

ONLY THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY OF PORTRAYING A HERO WOULD SETTLE THIS EXCITEMENT.

A WAVE OF EMOTION FLOODS ME ALL OF A SUDDEN, AND I AM UNABLE TO DESCRIBE HIS MIGHTY PRESENCE.

LU BU FELL IN LOVE WITH DONG ZHUO'S WOMAN.

SINCE MY LORD DOESN'T WANT ME TO PUT A GOOD LIGHT ON THE ENEMY,

SUCCUMBING TO BEAUTY, HE DECIDED TO OPPOSE DONG ZHUO.

YES, HE'S A DISLOYAL MAN AFTER ALL; I JUST NEED TO SPICE UP THE STORY.

DONG ZHUO SHALL BECOME THE SECOND EMPEROR.

AND LU BU SHALL BECOME THE CONQUEROR OF WEST CHU!*

* XIANG YU

HEROES DON'T LAST ANYWAY.

BUT THIS MOMENT OF AWE WILL STAY WITH ME FOREVER!

JIM

LU BU!

LU BU!

PERHAPS YOU WERE BORN AT A WRONG TIME?

THE WORLD WILL REMEMBER YOUR MIGHT!

LIKE XIANG YU...

UNFORGETTABLE!

嗶

THE MORALE HAS COLLAPSED.

TENS OF THOUSANDS MEAN NOTHING IN HIS EYES...

SIT TIGHT, YUAN SHU, I'M COMING!

DON'T WORRY, LÜ BU WON'T MAKE IT TO HERE!

PLEASE SIT STILL, YOUR MAJESTY! KEEP THE TROOPS CALM!

YOUR XUZHOU IS WITHIN MY POWERS,

I COULD JUST...

RIGHT. A MERE SAVAGE, HOW DARE HE OPPOSE ME!

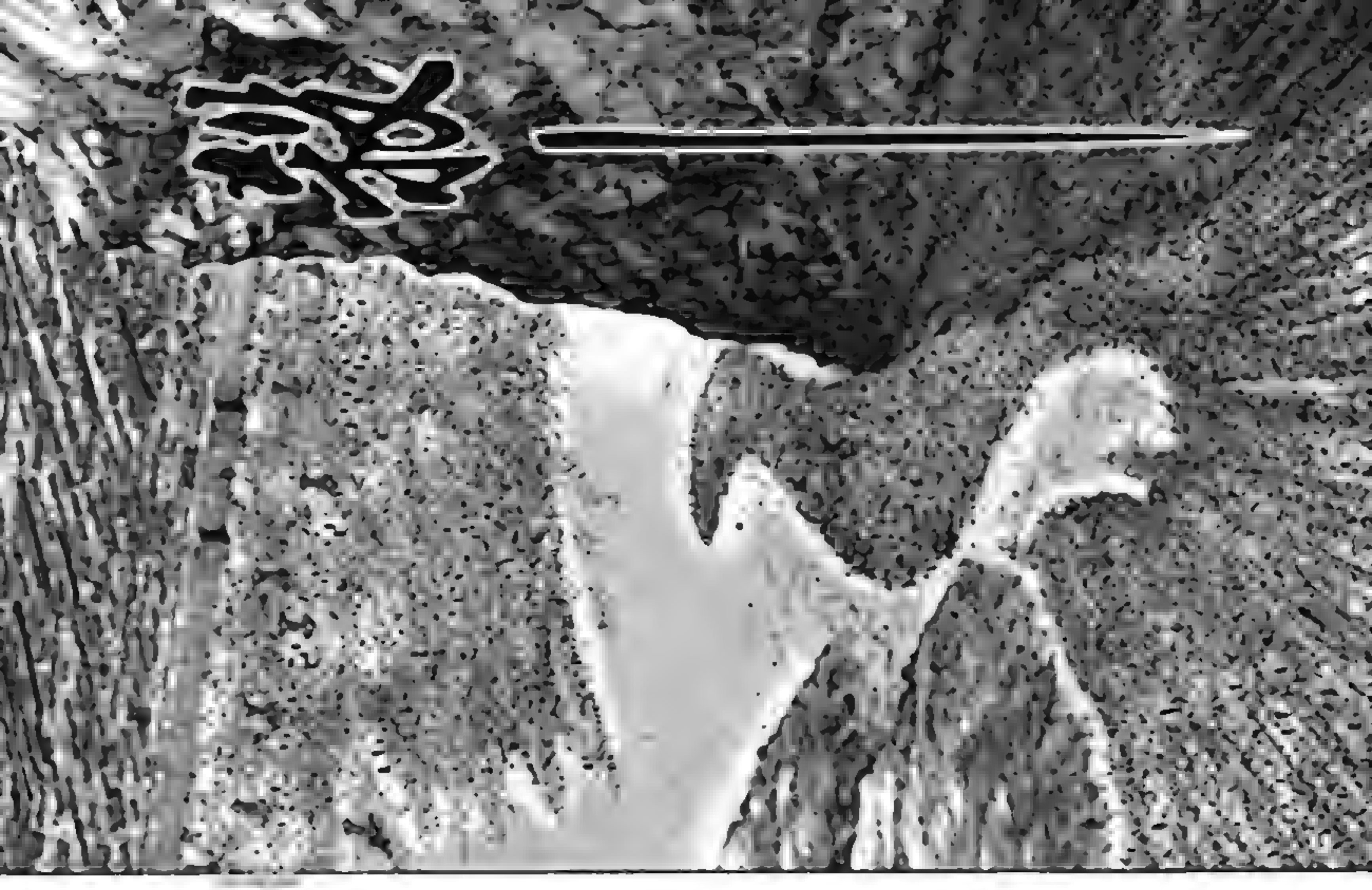
GRAB IT?

OH.

OH.

YOUR MAJESTY, ZHANG LIAO IS COMING WITH TROOPS AS WELL!

YOUR MAJESTY, VALLEY TO OUR EAST.



EAST? AREN'T THEY OUR ALLIES WHO WERE GETTING READY TO OVERTHROW LU BU?

HOW COME?

FLAG READS "LIU"

STAY CLAM, STAY CALM!

THE FLAG SAYS LIU... LIU BEI!

嘩——

OH, WE MEET AGAIN. HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED YOUR LESSON LAST TIME?

GUAN YU

YOUR MAJESTY, OUR RIGHT FLANK TROOP HAS SCATTERED!

IT'S GUAN. GUAN GUAN GUAN. GUAN YU.

WE CAN'T TELL WHICH COMMAND FLAG IT IS!

OUR REAR FLANK IS IN DANGER!

YOUR MAJESTY BE_ BEHIND US!

ARE... ARE THERE MORE WARLORDS?

IT'S OVER

AM I DREAMING?

PA

YOUR TURN.

PURSUE YUAN SHU, FULL FORCE!

HOLD OUR GROUND? BUT I DON'T NEED TO REST.

SECOND MASTER, SIR MI ZHU ORDERED US TO HOLD OUR GROUND!

UNLESS...

!

I REMEMBER WHAT YOU HAD PROMISED US IN THE PAST.

WE WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE TO HAND XUZHOU OVER TO YOU, YET YOU LET IT GO.

YOU JOINED FORCES WITH LU BU INSTEAD.

OUR XUZHOU'S SUBORDINATES ALL VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS BATTLE; DO YOU KNOW WHY?

MI ZHU

YOU ARE BOTH INFLUENTIAL AND MERCIFUL, MY LORD, HENCE THE PEOPLE REALLY WANTED YOU TO RULE XUZHOU.

YOU MEAN, CAPTURE XIAPI FROM BOTH THE INSIDE AND THE OUTSIDE WHILE LU BU IS AWAY IN BATTLE?

YOUR REPUTATION IS ALREADY RENOWNED, AND YOU JUST NEED A STABLE BASE.

BESIDES, WE'RE ONLY TAKING BACK WHAT'S OURS.

WHY NOT? REMEMBER HOW LU BU TREATED US BACK THEN? WHY CAN'T WE RECIPROCATE?

LOOK, MY LORD.

THE EMPEROR IS NOW CAO CAO'S PUPPET, WHILE THE WORLD HAS ALREADY BECOME AN ARENA FOR THE AMBITIOUS.

EVEN YUAN SHU - A MAN FROM THREE GENERATIONS OF LOYALISTS - DISREGARDS LOYALTY; SO WHAT'RE YOU AFRAID OF?

WHO AMONG THE CONQUERORS TALK ABOUT PRINCIPLES AND MORALITY?

WINNERS ARE ALWAYS RIGHT. THAT IS THE TRUTH OF HISTORY.

YOU MAY BE WEAK, BUT YOU HAVE WON OVER TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. THAT IS A SIGN FROM HEAVEN.

THEY'RE JUST SUGARCOATING BY THE CONQUEROR'S HISTORIANS.

REMEMBER A MAN NAMED LIU BANG?

WHAT HAS HISTORY CONVEYED TO US?

IS IT ONE SIDED?

OR IS IT OF UNFATHOMABLE DEPTH?

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YUAN SHU IS HEADING FOR THE RIVER!

AFTER THEM! MAKE THIS DAY THEIR LAST!

CHAPTER 211 WEATHERED THROUGH HISTORY

YOUR MAJESTY! ZHANG LIAO IS GAINING ON US!

HURRY!

AN UNEXPECTED TROOP!

OH.

HURRY, WE HAVE ANOTHER TROOP NEAR THE RIVER!

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LIU XUN
FEAR NOT, YOUR MAJESTY!
LIU XUN HAS BEEN ATTACKED TOO!

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PRETTY GOOD!

GAO SHUN

EVERYBODY, COVER FOR HIS MAJESTY!

WITHOUT JI LING,

JI LING OR NO JI LING, I AM YOUR LOYAL VASSAL TOO!

YOU'RE NOTHING.

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WHO'S THAT?

AH

WHO CARES, JUST FINISH OFF YUAN SHU!

BURN THEIR SHIPS SO THEY CAN'T ESCAPE!

WH...

MY LORD!

NO, I MEAN YOUR MAJESTY!

MY LORD! ANOTHER ONE OF LÜ BU'S PURSUING TROOPS IS HERE!

ALL IS LOST;

VERYTHING
IS GONE
N ONE DAY.

AM I
DREAMING?

SO INDECISIVE, HE'S A LIU ALL RIGHT...

MY LORD, LJ BJ HAS DISPATCHED HIS ENTIRE ARMY TO PURSUE YUAN SHU; THE CITY IS EMPTY ..

THEY'RE SO FLUSTERED THEY DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHO I AM ANYMORE...

KEEP TALKING.

I'VE HEARD WHAT YOUR MEN HAVE SAID, THAT YOU, IMPERIAL UNCLE, ARE A DETERMINED AND DECISIVE LORD, THUS MANY HAVE COME TO SERVE YOU.

I HAVE WITNESSED YOUR COURAGEOUS NOBILITY BACK THEN, SO I'VE DECIDED TO PERSUADE OTHERS TO JOIN YOU.

BUT HAVING WEATHERED THROUGH REALITY, MY LORD, HAVE YOU BECOME SO FEARFUL OF MOVING FORWARD?

KEEP TALKING.

THERE IS NO MERCIFUL LORD ON THE BATTLEFIELD, ONLY HEGEMONS WHO KNOW HOW TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

IT'S TRUE, POLITICS IS LIKE THAT - VASTLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THE HISTORY TEXTS TAUGHT US.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERN, MY LORD, PLEASE VOICE IT...

FORGIVE MY IMPERTINENCE; IT'S JUST MY HONEST OPINION.

I...

JUST LIKE WHEN YOU WERE DRUNK.

WH... WH...
WHAT?

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SO WHAT HE SAID THEN WAS NOT A LIE, BUT THIS TIME... HAS HE... GONE MAD?

DON'T WANT XUZHOU; ONLY THE WORLD!

THAT... THAT'S TOO CANDID!

THE WORLD?!

YEAH, THE EMPEROR IS INCOMPETENT, CAPABLE MEN SHOULD TAKE THIS CHANCE!

GREAT, OUR LORD HAS SPOKE HIS MIND, LET'S FOLLOW HIS LEAD!

THAT'S THE TERRIFYING REALITY.

LET'S DO IT, UNLIKE THAT COWARD CAO CAO!

THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE CAME TO YOU!

MY LORD, WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR?

BURN IT!

I SAID
BEGIN THIS
TRAINING
THROUGH

EVEN A
CASUAL
STATEMENT
CAN BRING
OUT THE
DEVILS IN
YOUR
HEARTS

THE EMPEROR IS INCOMPETENT? WHICH EMPEROR DOESN'T WANT HIS COUNTRY TO BE PEACEFUL, AND HIS POSITION UNSHAKABLE?

YET THE LAST EMPEROR OF ANY PRECEDING DYNASTY ALWAYS BECAME INCOMPETENT BY THE WORDS OF HISTORIANS.

IT'S BECAUSE THE USURPER WANTS TO JUSTIFY THEIR ACTION, WHILE THE TEXT MAY SERVE AS WARNING FOR POSTERITY THAT GOVERNANCE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.

THE CHAOS OF THIS WORLD IS CAUSED BY THE AMBITION OF WARLORDS LIKE US.

AND WHICH EMPEROR WOULD BE AS STUPID AS THEY SAY?

I ASK YOU, WITH ALL THE PAST EXAMPLES AS WARNING, WHICH EMPEROR WOULD NEGLECT TO LECTURE HIS DESCENDANTS?

PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, WHO IN THIS WORLD WOULD BE MORE KNOWLED-GEABLE OF GOVERNANCE THAN AN EMPEROR?

HAVING BEEN PERPLEXED FOR ALL THESE YEARS, BATTLING THROUGH ONE CONFLICT AFTER ANOTHER IN MY MIND, I'VE JUST HAD AN EPIPHANY TODAY.

WHY IS THE WORLD IN CHAOS WHEN THE GOVERNING POWER STILL EXISTS?

KONG AND MENG MAY HAVE BEEN PEDANTIC, BUT THERE IS TRUTH IN THEIR WORDS.

YOU CAN'T TRUST HISTORY.

PERHAPS NOT MANY PEOPLE COULD UNDERSTAND THIS. BUT REMEMBER THIS, EVERYONE...

RULERS RULE, MINISTERS MINISTER. WHERE IS THE PROBLEM? WE ALL KNOW THE ANSWER.

PROTECTING HAN IS TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR POSTERITY, SO WE CAN ERADICATE BLOODY COUPS.

I'M NOT A PEDANTIC MAN; I'M LOYAL BECAUSE REALITY DEMANDS IT.

BUT... A TRUE LOYALIST SHOULD ALSO USE HIS POWER TO SUPPRESS TREACHEROUS VASSALS!

THEN HIS MAJESTY WOULD BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON GOVERNING.

WHAT I WANT IS NOT A TRIVIAL GAIN BUT THE REAL POWER TO DEAL WITH TREACHEROUS VASSALS OF THIS WORLD.

NOBLE AND SINISTER, BECOMING LIKE GAO-ZU.

ALL OF A SUDDEN MY BIG BROTHER HAS REACHED AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL.

MY, OH MY, THIS VIEW IS EVEN MORE HIGH-SOUNDING THAN THIRD BROTHER'S CRAZY TALK!

* GAO-ZU = "FIRST EMPEROR OF HAN", LIU BANG

YUAN AND CAO CLANS HAVE THE BIGGEST INFLUENCES IN THIS WORLD TODAY.

WHEN... WHEN DID HE BECOME THIS DECISIVE? WHO HELPED HIM TAKE THIS STEP?

BUT IN TERMS OF CLAN POWER, AN ALLIANCE OF LIU CLANS WOULD SURPASS THEM BOTH. UNFORTUNATELY THE LIU CLAN IS ONLY A HEADLESS SNAKE RIGHT NOW.

HOW MANY GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES HAVE WE MISSED IN THESE YEARS, AND HOW MANY DEATHS DID THAT CAUSE? HENCE REPUTATION IS A HEAD...

CALLING THE CLANS OF LIU?

SPEAKING OF WHICH, LU BU DID A RIGHTEOUS THING BY OPPOSING THE TRAITOR. BOTH BEING VASSALS OF HAN, WE CANNOT TURN ON HIM AND DAMAGE OUR REPUTATION.

IN THE END WE MUST FIGHT THOSE WHO USE THE EMPEROR TO CONTROL THE LORDS.

THEN YOU MUST BE CONFUSED, MY LORD, CAO CAO IS IN DANGER NOW, IF WE MISS THIS CHANCE...

REPUTATION SHALL BE THE GREATEST WEAPON USED FOR CALLING.

BESIDES, IT IS TRUE THAT THE LIUS ARE FAMOUS FOR THEIR INDECISIVENESS; IF LIU CHONG FAILS, OTHER CLANSMEN WOULD NOT HELP EXCEPT RETREAT TO SAFETY.

YOU THINK CAO CAO WILL BE DEFEATED BY THIS? THIS MAN HAS A POWERFUL ARMY AND NUMEROUS COMMANDERS, NOT TO MENTION HIS OWN EXTRAORDINARY TALENTS.

GOOD THINGS COME TO PATIENT MEN. LIU CHONG COULD ONLY START AN UPRISING BUT COULD NOT UNIFY THE CLANS, ALL BECAUSE HIS REPUTATION IS NOT GREAT ENOUGH.

IN ORDER TO WIN AGAINST POWERFUL ENEMIES, WE MUST TRULY CALL FORTH ALL OUR CLANSMEN.

SO IT IS HIM!

I HATE LU BU AS WELL, BUT NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO FIGHT HIM.

SECOND MASTER, LOOK!

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BECAUSE LIU CHONG IS DEAD,

AND THE ALLIANCE HAS FAILED.

I HEARD THE NEWS
BEFORE ANY OTHER LORD.

NOBLE? HAHAHA, LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, BROTHER HUANG.

CAO CAO REGAINED FOOD SUPPLY, AND YUAN SHU HAS BEEN DEFEATED; THE OUTCOME IS ALREADY CLEAR.

YOU MEAN LIU CHONG WILL LOSE FOR SURE, AND THAT LIU BEI WILL WITHDRAW AFTER THIS VICTORY?

LOOKS LIKE LIU BEI HAS NO INTENTION FOR AN AMBUSH. THAT FOOL IS STILL OVER THERE BURNING THINGS.

HOW NOBLE, LETTING SLIP SUCH A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

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CORRECT. TELL SIR HUANG WHAT YOU'VE SEEN.

YES-SIR.

BUT A FEW DAYS AGO THE LIU ARMY BEGAN TO DWINDLE.

WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THE BATTLE FRONTS BETWEEN CAO AND LIU. WE FOUND THAT THEY WERE DEADLOCKED IN A STALEMATE.

THAT MEANS... SOMETHING HAPPENED TO LIU CHONG?

YOU... YOU MEAN LIU CHONG'S DEAD?

STAYING PUT MEANS HE'S NOT WELL, LEAVING MEANS HE'S DEAD.

CORRECT. LORD CAO WILL RETURN SOON. YUAN SHU'S DEFEAT IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO ANNEX SHOUCHUN.

AND YOU CAN THEN USE YOUR POSITION TO HELP YOUR LORD, BROTHER HUANG.

IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, OLD MAN,

IN OTHER WORDS, TELL THE WORLD THAT LIU CHONG'S DEATH WAS YUAN SHU'S DOING.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING MY LORD A STATELY EXCUSE TO WAGE WAR ON YUAN SHU.

EXACTLY. SINCE LIU CHONG CAN'T SPEAK FOR HIMSELF, USE THIS CHANCE WELL WHEN YUAN SHU IS LOSING.

KNOWING YOU, I BET YOU ARE EXPECTING SOMETHING IN RETURN.

IT'S A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE.

THIS WAY YUAN SHU WILL LOOK WORSE WHILE YOU GET A PROMOTION.

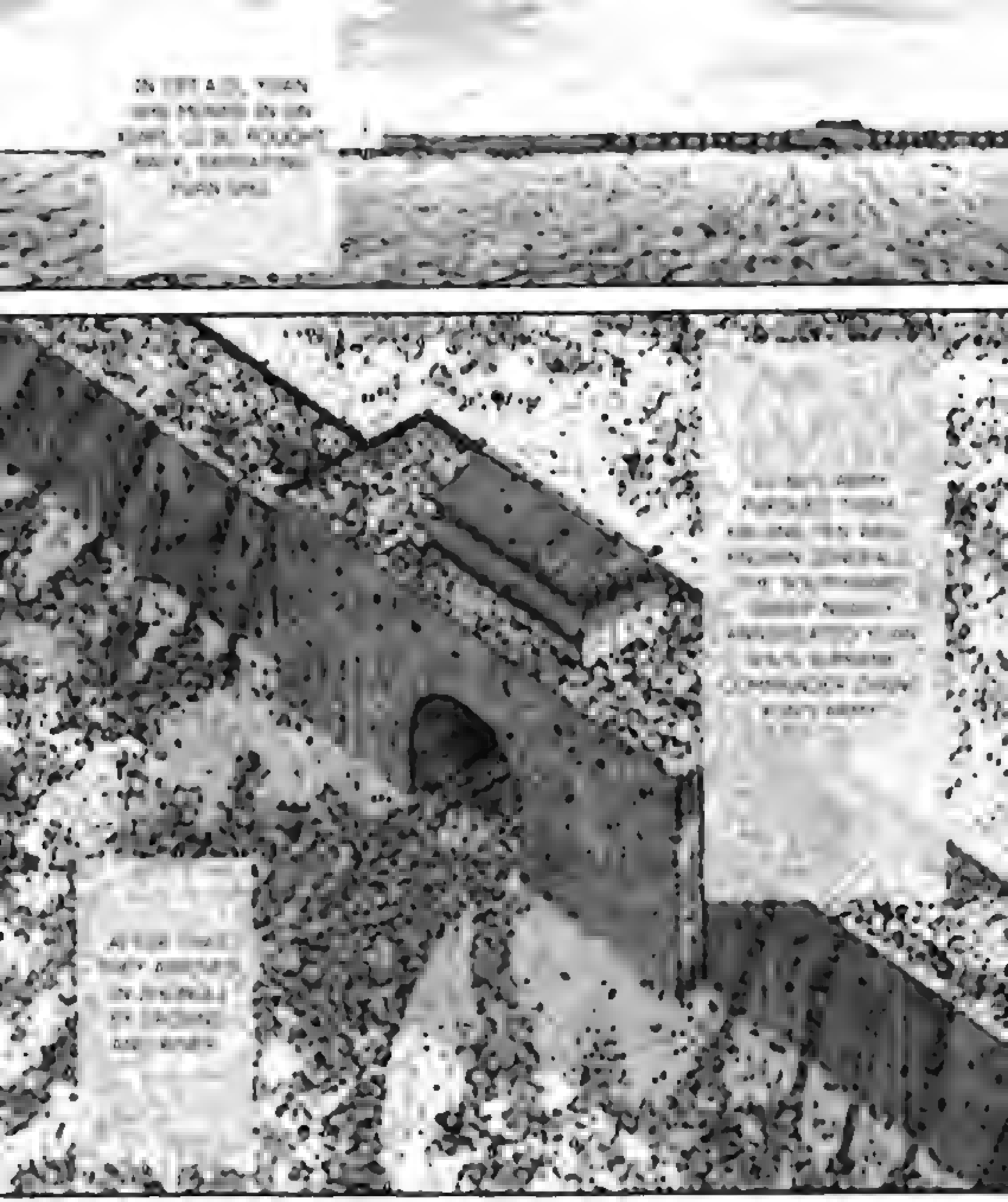
DON'T WORRY, I'LL HAVE A HAND IN IT.

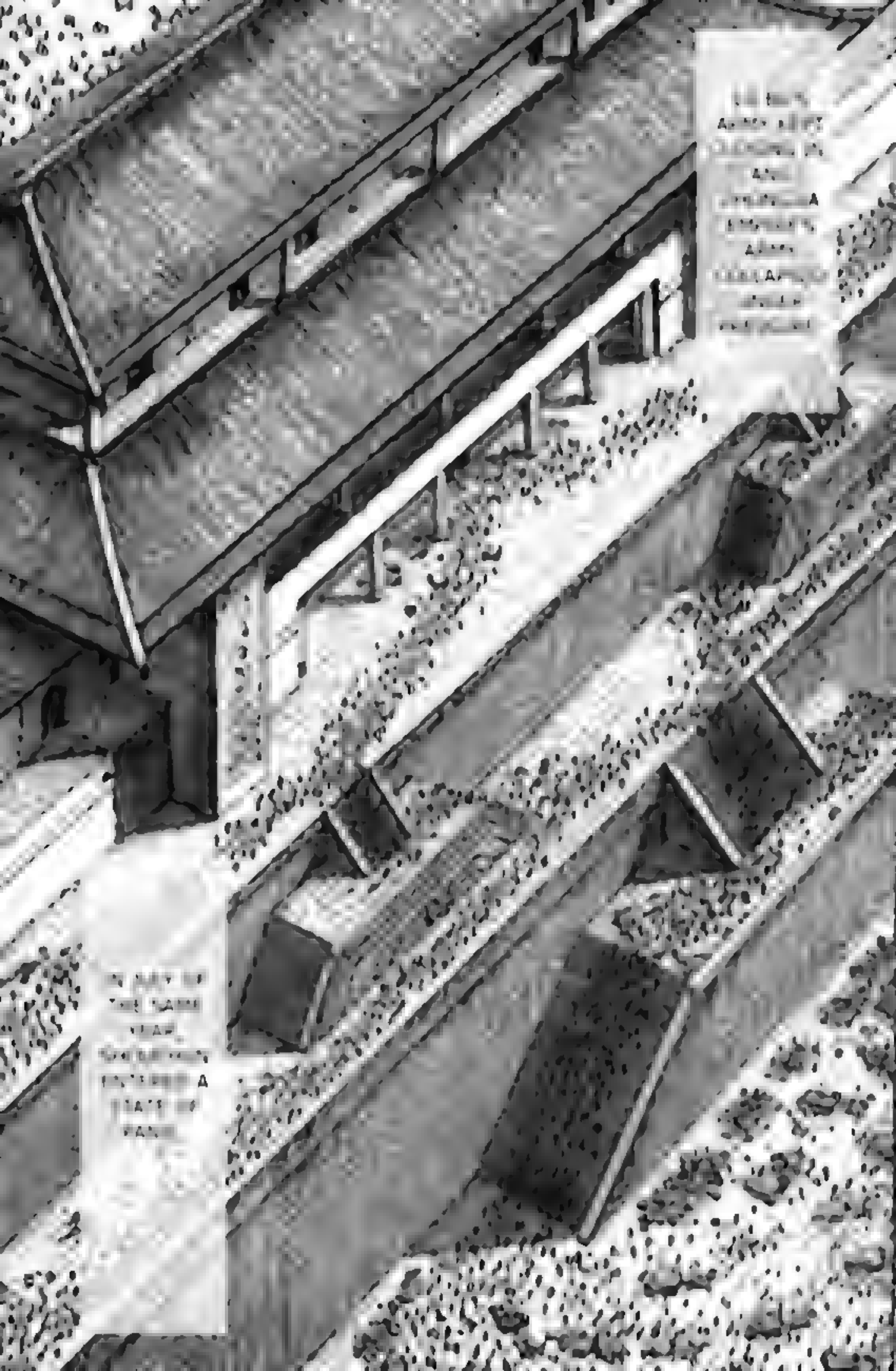
TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, MY ARMY IS GOING SOUTHWARD TO PURSUE THE ENEMY. THERE WILL BE CASUALTIES ALONG THE WAY...

THAT'S WAR, ISN'T IT.

OK, WHEN WILL YOUR MASTER RETURN?

HE'S BUSY WITH THINGS AT HOME; BUT HE SHOULD BE HERE SOON.





YOUR MAJESTY, WE CANNOT CONTINUE AFTER THIS LOSS.

HURRY! SEND THEM ALL TO OUR HOME BASE!

YAN XIANG

WHY DON'T WE REQUEST HELP FROM THE CLAN ELDERS? IF WE SOUND SINCERE, THEY...

THEY TOOK THEM ALL...

YOUR MAJESTY!

SADLY NOTHING'S LEFT. WHAT WILL THE PEOPLE EAT?

ALL THESE YEARS OF TOIL, RUINED IN MERE DAYS. I'VE WANTED TO CLAIM INDEPENDENCE FROM HAN FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE, SADLY...

SEND SOMEONE TO HIM! IF HE'S WILLING TO HELP ME, I... I'LL DO ANYTHING!

HURRY!

I'M SURE THE WORLD WILL SOON KNOW ME AS A WASTEFUL AND IMMORAL EMPEROR, AND THAT ZHONGJIA GOT WHAT IT DESERVED DAMNIT, I'VE LOST FACE FOR THE ENTIRE YUAN CLAN!

EIGHTY LI OUTSIDE OF SHOUCHUN.

REPORT! ZHONGLI HAS BEEN BREACHED!

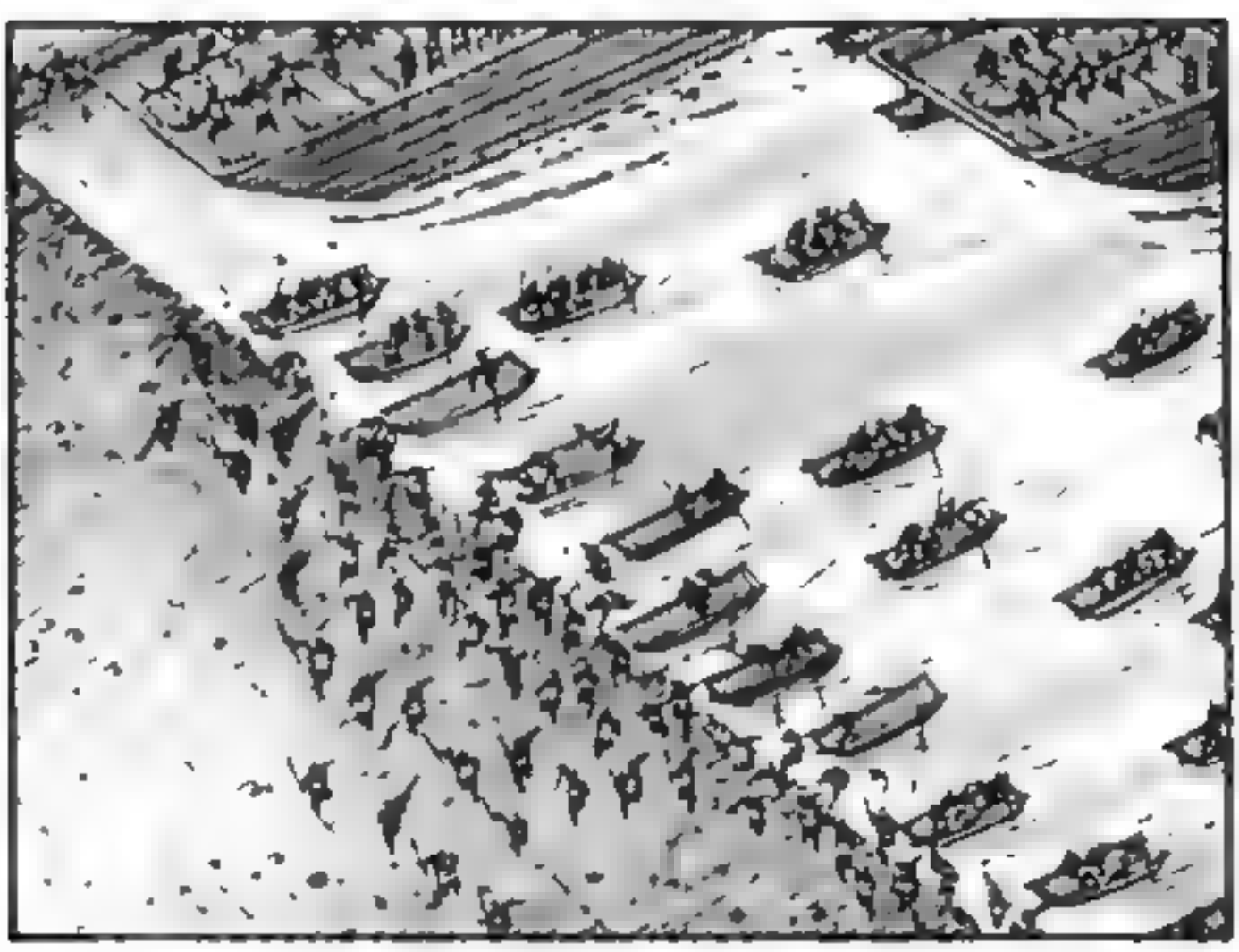
GAO SHUN, SHOULD WE KEEP LOOTING?

DAMN YOU CHEN GONG.

THAT'S THE ORDER. JUST DO IT.

CAO CAO'S ARMY TOOK THE CHANCE AND WADED ACROSS THE RIVER OF YU

THE NEXT DAY THE LIU ARMY SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED









MOST OF NANYANG FELL TO CAO CAO'S CONTROL ON THAT DAY

TRUE TO HIS CLAN, LIU BIAO SURE IS AN INDECISIVE MAN.

WITH THIS STRONGHOLD, JINGZHOU WOULD BE OURS FOR THE TAKING.

I'VE RECEIVED GUO JIA'S SECRET MESSAGE. THE TROOP IS READY.

GOOD. LEAVE TWO DIVISIONS TO GUARD THIS PLACE.

XIAHOU DUN

SEND THE REST TO GUO JIA. VANQUISH THAT STRUGGLING YUAN SHU.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HIS BROTHER YUAN SHAO?

XIAHOU YUAN

BIG BROTHER, I'M AFRAID YUAN SHU'S GOING TO ASK FOR THAT MAN'S HELP.

YES. IF YUAN SHAO BRINGS HIS ARMY HERE, WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE.

SO WHAT? I HEARD XUN IS ON TOP OF IT.

OH HO, HOW WILL HE TIE YUAN SHAO'S HANDS? THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW.

YOU MEAN LU BU?

YOU GOT IT.

I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT THAT HEADACHE IN XUZHOU.

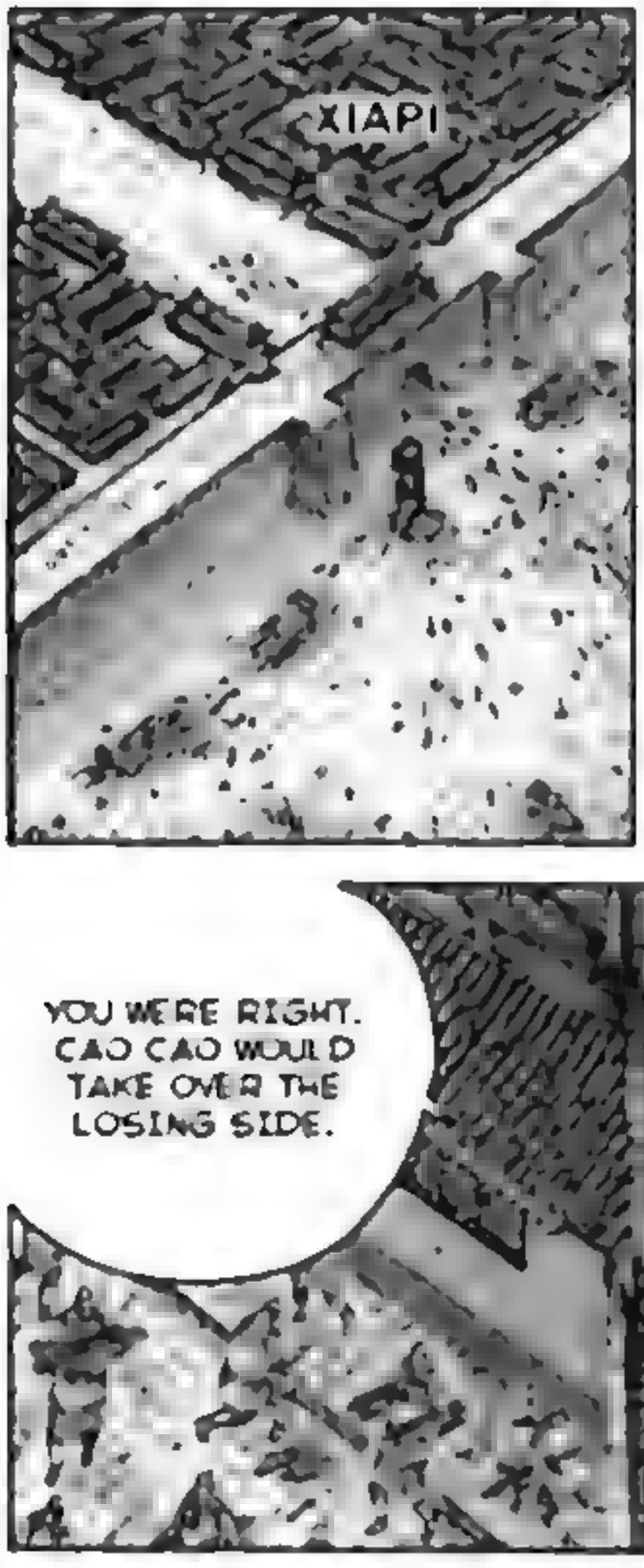
BOSS YU,
I HEARD YOU
LIKE APPETIZERS
THE BEST?

YUAN SHU
IS BUT AN
APPETIZER.
LU BU IS THE
MAIN COURSE.

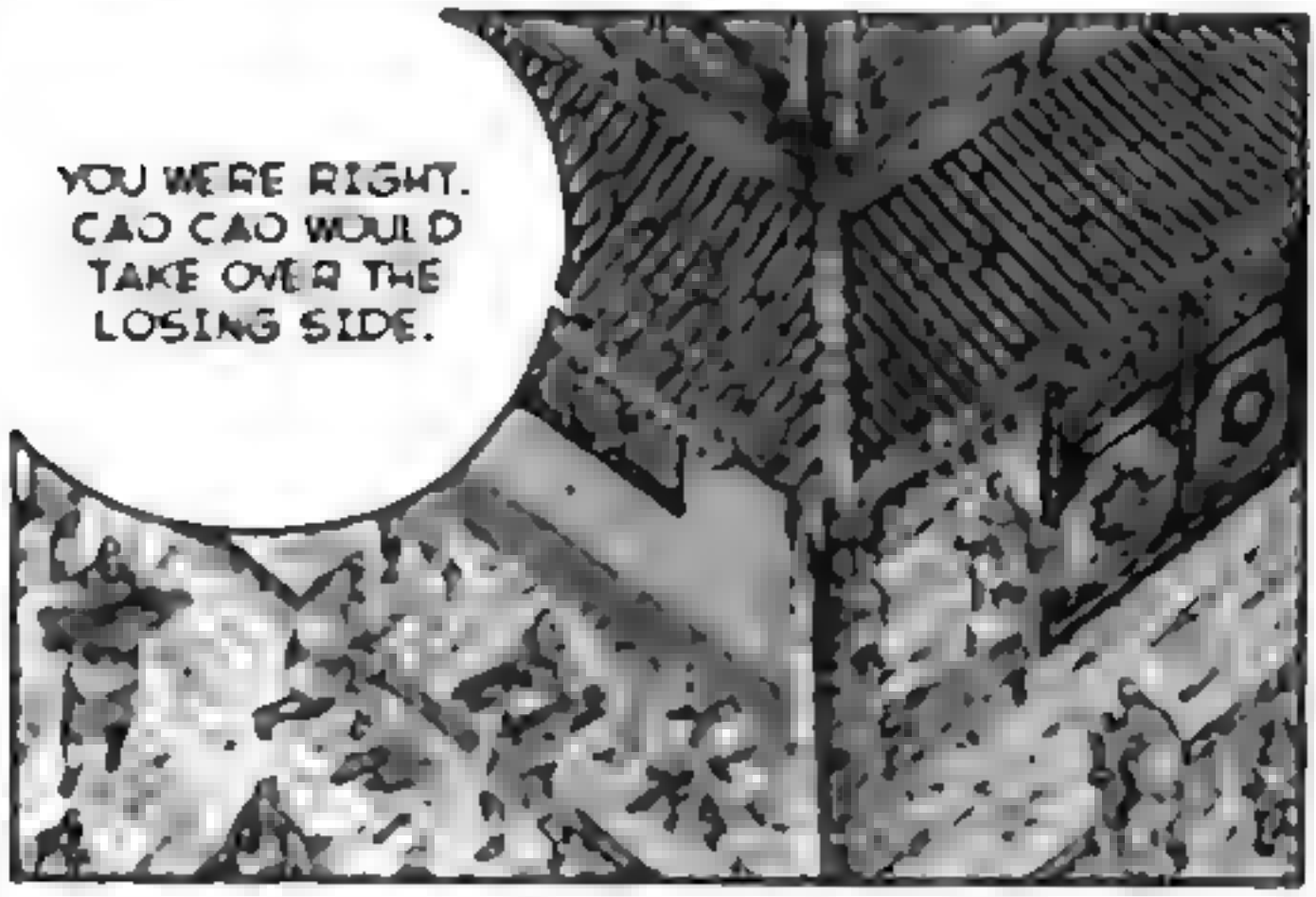
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YES. THIS
APPETIZER
IS DELICIOUS.

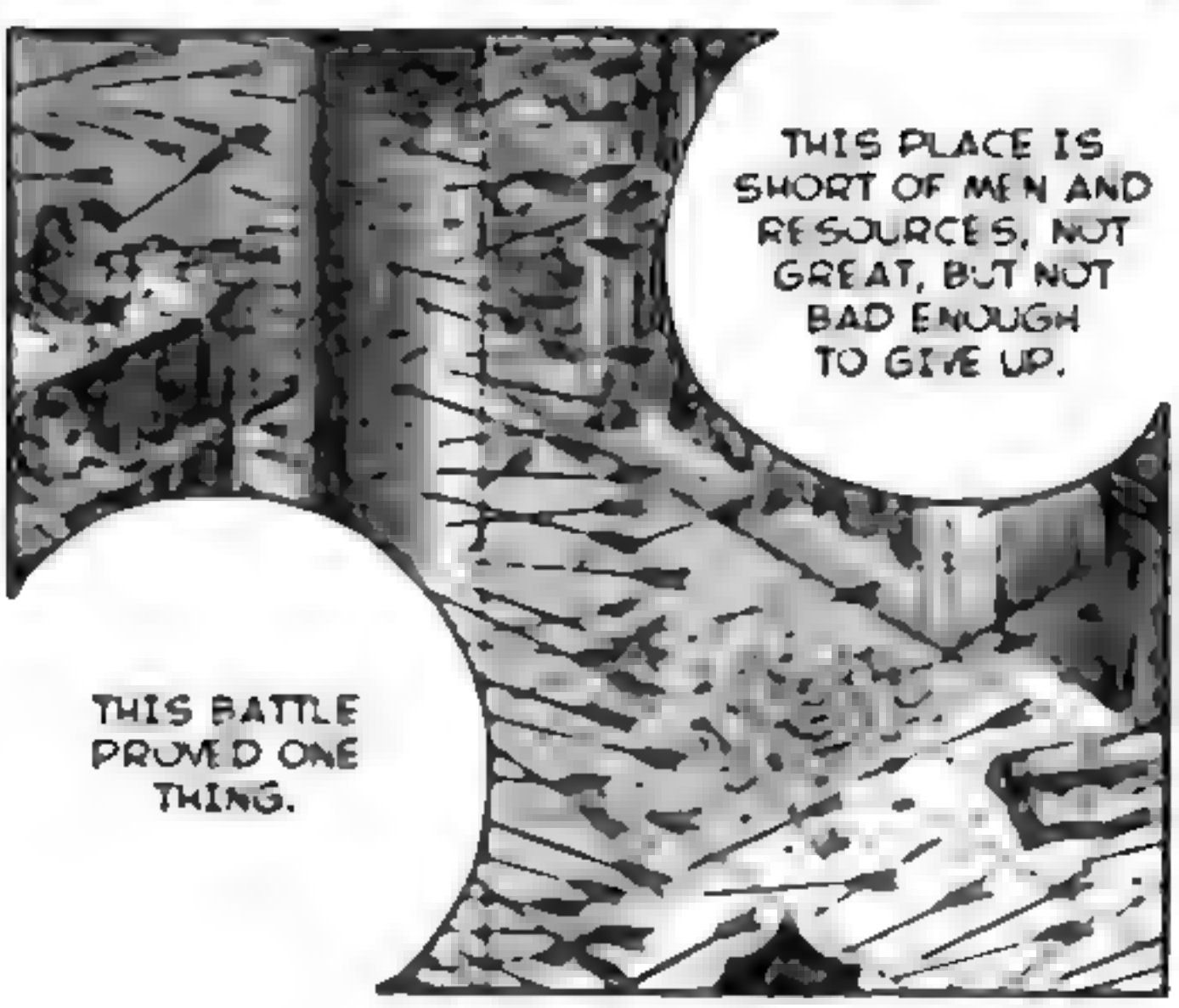
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YOU WERE RIGHT. CAO CAO WOULD TAKE OVER THE LOSING SIDE.

WORD HAS IT THAT LIU CHONG REALLY IS DEAD.
YES. THE LIU ARMY HAS DISAP-PEARED.


THIS PLACE IS SHORT OF MEN AND RESOURCES, NOT GREAT, BUT NOT BAD ENOUGH TO GIVE UP.
THIS BATTLE PROVED ONE THING.

THE TWO MEATY LIUS IN THIS WORLD ARE INDECISIVE. WHAT A WASTE NOT TO BE EATEN.

RIGHT. CERTAINLY HE IS SCHEMING TO EAT IT HIMSELF.

WITH LIU BEI'S REPUTATION, IF THEY COULD ONLY GET CLOSE...

YES. IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO EITHER, AND SOMEONE SERVES AS THE INSIDER,

I'M SURE TAO QIAN'S XUZHOU RELEGATION WILL HAPPEN AGAIN.

YOU SPOKE ZHANG FEI'S MIND.

IF CAO CAO IS WILLING TO INTERVENE, THEN IT'S THEIRS FOR THE TAKING.

HOWEVER, THEY NEED A FUSE.

AND THE ONE TO ALIENATE CAO CAO FIRST IS...

LIU BEI'S PATIENCE SURE IS UNBEATABLE.

劉氏族譜

LOOKS LIKE LIU BIAO IS THE FIRST.

DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS. WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE.

LOOK-ING FOR ME?

YOU'RE BACK.

CAO CAO HAS THE NEEDED ROUTES FOR TROOPS AND SUPPLIES.

WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND AFTER ALL THIS TIME?

THREE LIUS AS ONE; THE WESTERN KINGDOM SHALL TAKE SHAPE.

I SAY HE HAS ALREADY PLANNED TO ANNEX THE EASTERN PARTS.

LOOKS LIKE YOU WILL DIE IN PLACE OF LIU BEI, MY LORD.

OVER ALL, YUAN SHU IS IN TROUBLE NOW; HE'LL AGREE TO ANYTHING IF ONLY TO HAVE THE FEARSOME GAO SHUN WITHDRAW.

JUST LIKE CHEN GONG'S PREDICTIONS, AS LONG AS WE REMAIN LOYAL WE'LL BE SAFE, BUT NOT FOR LONG.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WIPED ZHONGJIA'S FORTUNES CLEAN. DESTROYING YUAN SHU AND APPEASING THE CROWD WILL COST CAO CAO A LOT.

IF HE'S NOT ABLE TO RECOVER SOON WHILE NEW BATTLES BREAK OUT, THE ECONOMY WILL TAKE A HEAVY HIT.

THE OTHER SUGGESTION IS... WE ALLY WITH YUAN SHU. IF WE OPPOSE CAO CAO, WE WILL NOT BE ALONE; BUT OUR REPUTATION WILL BE TARNISHED.

YES. YUAN SHAO IS OUR TRUMP CARD.

CAO CAO'S ARMY IS HEADING EAST, AND IF YUAN SHAO SENDS HIS FORCES, VICTORY IS VERY LIKELY.

IN ADDITION, I'VE MADE IT SO THAT LIU CHONG'S DEATH WILL BE BLAMED ON YUAN SHU.

BESIDES, YUAN CLAN'S BIGGEST ENEMY IS THE CAO CLAN, WHILE WE JUST SWING BETWEEN THE TWO.

OH, QIN YI LU.

SIR.

FRAMING YUAN SHU, CAUSING HIS CLAN TO HATE CAO CAO MORE. NICE GOING.

YOUR SERVANTS SAY YOU'VE BEEN BUSY LATELY;

ALL'S WELL. DON'T WORRY.

PREPARING FOR A WEDDING?

YES. THE ERA OF HANDICAPPED WARRIORS IS OVER.

SAY, IF SIMA CLAN IS THROUGH, SO GOES YOUR GROUP.

BUT WHAT DO I CALL YOU EXACTLY?

SINCE BIG BROTHER IS WILLING TO TAKE YOU IN, I SHALL WELCOME YOU AS WELL.

TRUE. THEY WOULDN'T LAST MUCH LONGER ANYWAY.

LIKE OLD TIMES,

LIAOYUAN HUO HAS PASSED, SECOND MASTER.

YOU KNOW IT ALL, SECOND MASTER, SO...

CHAPTER 213 HOLD IT . SAVE IT

JUST CALL ME ZHAO YUN.

FINE. I ASK YOU, ZHAO YUN, WHAT DO WE DO WITH LIU XUN?

RIGHT. THAT WAY YUAN SHU'S LUJIANG DIVISION WOULD HAVE TO BE WARY OF HIM.

* ZHAO YUN'S COURTESY NAME

ZI LONG.*

YES?

THIS FAVOR MIGHT DOUBLE OUR GAINS LATER WHEN OUR LORD DECIDES TO ATTACK YUAN SHU.

RELEASE HIM. HE WOULD BE TOO ASHAMED TO RETURN TO YUAN SHU, SO HE WILL STATION AT LUJIANG FOR GOOD.

GOOD CHOICE.

WELL THOUGHT OUT.

YOU WOULD BURY THE PEOPLE KILLED BY LU BU'S ARMY. YOU'RE PRETTY NICE.

THIS WOULD MAKE YOU LOOK EVEN BETTER, WOULDN'T IT?

BUT IT STINKS.

DOESN'T IT?

ARE YOU GOING AWAY, OR GOING THROUGH?

THERE SHOULDN'T BE OTHER PEOPLE ON THIS RAVAGED BATTLEFIELD.

EXCUSE ME?

WHILE OTHERS WOULD KEEP GOING.

IN THE FACE OF DANGER, SOME WOULD RETREAT,

THEN I'M THE LATTER.

I ADVISE YOU, MISTER, DON'T GO ANY FURTHER UNLESS YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF THE STENCH.

THAT SOUNDS LOADED. YOU MUST'VE HAD SUCH EXPERIENCE.

RIGHT. ONE MUST BRAVE THE STENCH WHEN DOING THINGS LIKE THIS.

I BET... YOU ARE A CONQUEROR TOO.

OH.

TOO BAD I'M JUST A TEACHER.

AND YOU ARE A MILITARY ADVISOR.

IT STINKS.

AND I'M NEVER WRONG ABOUT PEOPLE.

GOODBYE.

AWAY, AVOID THE DISASTERS THAT ARE COMING;*

* WORD PLAY

ONWARD, THROUGH THE TREACHEROUS PATH.*

ONE MUST MOVE FORWARD TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THE STENCH.

MORE DEAD ARE UP AHEAD. IT MIGHT BE A DIFFICULT JOURNEY.*

AM I RIGHT, IMPERIAL UNCLE?

WAIT, MAY I HAVE YOUR NAME!

THERE MUST BE A REASON FOR YOUR HESITATION.

ARE YOU AFTER THE UPSTREAM JINGZHOU AS WELL?

THIS MAN...

YOUR LONG FACE YESTERDAY,

WHERE HAS IT GONE NOW?

IT SEEMS,

THAT YOU NOW UNDER-STAND SEVENTH MASTER'S WORDS.

FOR ALL THESE YEARS I'VE PASSED A WRONG JUDGMENT, AND MADE A WRONG MOVE.

SEVENTH CHOSE WELL.

I WAS RIGHT.

IT WAS YOU.

YOU CULPRIT.

NOW IF I JUST...

HOLD IT.

SHOO!

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HOLD IT.

SAVE IT.

SAVE IT.

SAVE IT FOR ZHONG DA.

I REMEMBER THE DAY
WHEN I MET HIM AGAIN,

THERE WERE A HUNDRED
TIMES MORE BODIES
FLOATING ON THE RIVER.

THE FIRST
DIPLOMATIC
MOVE

JIZHOU

YECHENG

SO WHICH OTHER WARLORD TODAY COULD HOLD YOU BACK?

SOMEONE ASKED TO ME, YOU ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN DONG ZHUO USED TO BE,

I TOLD HIM, THE YUAN CLAN HAS BEEN LOYAL FOR GENERATIONS.

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CHAPTER 214 THREE UP, THREE DOWN

WE'RE NOT INTO CONQUEST BECAUSE OF ANCESTORS' TEACHING.

YUAN SHU HAS TARNISHED THE REPUTATION OF MY CLAN; WOULD I BE ABLE TO FACE THE ELDERS IF I HELP HIM NOW?

YUAN SHAO

IMPARTIAL, REFUSE TO HELP EVIL, AND TAKING THE WHOLE SITUATION INTO ACCOUNT. YOUR ACTION IS EXEMPLARY TO THE PEOPLE.

THEREFORE I AM HERE TO DELIVER HIS MAJESTY'S PRAISE.

HISTORIAN HUANG DA HAS INSCRIBED YOUR LOYAL ENDEAVORS INTO THE HISTORICAL RECORDS. AND HIS MAJESTY HAS SENT SOMEONE TO ANNOUNCE TO THE WORLD OF YOUR UNMATCHED LOYALTY.

NOTE: IN 192 A.D. EMPEROR XIAN DI PROMOTED YUAN SHAO TO BE THE GENERAL-IN-CHIEF AS WELL AS THE GOVERNOR OF JIZHOU, QINGZHOU AND BINGZHOU.

SIR HUANG, PLEASE NOTE THIS DOWN AS WELL.

YES-SIR.

I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE TO REPAY HIS MAJESTY'S TRUST.

YES, AND YOU ALL KNOW HOW MUCH I CARE ABOUT A GOOD NAME.

THIS... THIS IS WONDERFUL, MY LORD. WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY.

THE FIRST ANTI-DIPLOMATIC MOVE.

SIR XUN, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DRINK.

THANK YOU.

AND CLANSMEN WITH SIMILAR MINDSETS WILL SHUN ME AS WELL. XUN YU HAS MADE A SMART MOVE.

NICE. IF I REVOLT NOW THE WORLD WILL RENOUNCE ME.

TELL HIM TO ABANDON HIS AMBITION IF HE WANTS TO REJOIN THE CLAN.

MY LORD, SECOND MASTER (YUAN SHU) IS REQUESTING HELP. IT WOULD UPSET SOME WITHIN OUR CLAN IF WE DO NOTHING.

IF HE WANTS MY HELP, THERE IS ONLY ONE CONDITION ...

BESIDES, IF SECOND MASTER REJOINS US, HIS EASTERN REGION TERRITORIES WILL BE OURS TOO, MAKING US EVEN STRONGER.

GIVE THE IMPERIAL SEAL TO YUAN FANG.

YOU LET SECOND MASTER SUFFER FOR THIS, MY LORD?

THAT'S NOT ALL. I'M ACTUALLY WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN THE YUAN CLAN TRULY UNITES.

THE ONLY ONE TO DO IT WILL BE THE CONQUEROR IN THE NORTH.

I WILL SAY IT AGAIN, THE YUAN CLAN MUST NEVER OPPOSE, LET ALONE USURP IMPERIAL HAN.

AND MY BLOOD

IS FLOWING THROUGH HIS VEINS.

THE SECOND DIPLOMATIC MOVE.

YOUZHOU.

YIJING.

MY LORD, ARE WE REALLY GOING ON THE COUNTER OFFENSIVE?

THAT IS HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET ORDER. WE MOVE IF YUAN SHAO TARGETS XUDU.

SECOND, YUAN SHU'S AMBITION MUST'VE SPLIT THE YUAN CLAN; NOW XUN YU HEADS SOUTH TO YECHENG TO MAKE PEACE WITH YUAN SHAO, LESSENING HIS THREAT TO CAO CAO.

CAO CAO IS STILL RECOVERING FROM BATTLE. XUN YU CAME TO DELIVER THE ORDER, HOPING TO RELIEVE THE IMMEDIATE THREAT. THAT'S PART OF THE REASON.

AND IN ORDER TO MAKE US KEEP YUAN SHAO IN CHECK, XUN YU HAS ASKED HIS MAJESTY TO LEGITIMIZE OUR STATUS. OPPOSING US MEANS OPPOSING HIS MAJESTY.

GENERAL OF THE FRONT

GONGSUN ZAN

YES. OUR CONSTANT DRAFT HAS CAUSED A DROP IN PRODUCTION. BEIPING'S ECONOMY HAS SUFFERED TOO MUCH.

I JUST HOPE YUAN SHAO WOULD WITH-DRAW SOON, THEN WE CAN LET THE PEOPLE GO ON WITH THEIR LIVES.

REPUTATION IS EVERYTHING TO YUAN SHAO. HE WOULDN'T RUIN IT RECKLESSLY.

LOOKS LIKE THE SIEGE HAS BEEN DISSOLVED.

LISTEN UP, IF THEY WITHDRAW, WE WITHDRAW.

THE SECOND ANTI-DIPLOMATIC MOVE.

TO HOLD US BACK FROM CAO CAO BY GIVING GENEROUS GIFTS.

YES. HE WANTS TO PACIFY THE YUAN CLAN,

YOU MEAN XUN YU IS NOW IN YECHENG?

THE IMPERIAL EDICT WILL ARRIVE, APPOINTING YUAN SHAO TO BE THE GOVERNOR OF YOU ZHOU (GONGSUN ZAN'S LOCATION).

YUAN FANG

WEN CHOU

AS YOU PREDICTED, YOUNG MASTER, GONGSUN ZAN WILL WITHDRAW WHEN WE DO, AND THEN WE...

WE ATTACK THEM BY SURPRISE, CATCHING GONGSUN ZAN OFF GUARD.

WE'LL BE FOCUSING OUR ENERGY ON GONGSUN ZAN, HOPEFULLY DISTRACTING CAO CAO.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO LET THE FIGHT BETWEEN CAO CAO, LU BU AND YUAN SHU DRAG ON.

AND WE CAN HELP THE TWO IN SECRET SO THAT IT CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

SINCE WE HAVE HIS MAJESTY'S APPROVAL, GONGSUN ZAN'S ALLIES WILL TARGET HIM INSTEAD.

THE BEIPING ARMY WILL COLLAPSE UNDER SIEGE, MAKING YOUZHOU OURS.

OUR WORRIES WILL BE GONE ONCE WE SETTLE THE NORTH.

THEN WITH OUR LORD AS OUR SHIELD, WE CAN EXPAND NORTHWARD IN FULL FORCE.

SURROUNDED BY A GIGANTIC BUFFERING ZONE,

AT THAT POINT...

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW, YUAN SHAO?

THE IMPERIAL DIPLOMATIC MOVE

NOW WE MUST MAKE HIM RELIEVE THE THREAT AGAINST US.

HONORING YUAN SHAO IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP.

MY NORTHERN KINGDOM HAS TAKEN SHAPE.

XUN YOU WILL BRING HIS MAJESTY'S EDICT TOMORROW.

YUAN SHAO WOULD DO HIS BEST CONSIDERING IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID OF HIS OLD ENEMY GONGSUN ZAN.

SO WE'RE GIVING YOUZHOU TO YUAN SHAO?

YUAN SHAO'S FORCES WILL THEN MOVE NORTHWARD, SAVING US OF WORRIES.

AND WE CAN EVEN HEAD EAST TO FINISH LU BU AND YUAN SHU, EXTENDING OUR INFLUENCE.

SO WE MUST PRAISE YUAN SHAO IN THE HISTORICAL RECORDS TO PRESSURE HIM.

ANNOUNCE TO THE WORLD. DO IT NOW.

HAHA, WHO DOESN'T LIKE HEROIC TALES?

HEHEHE.

BY THE WAY, I LIKE YOUR CHAPTER ON LU BU.

WHO'S THERE?



I LIKE IT TOO.

TOO BAD THAT'S PART OF YOUR TRICK TO SAVE YOUR LORD.

WHEN THAT RECORD GOES PUBLIC, MY LORD WILL BECOME A HERO WITH EVER-INCREASING RESPECTABILITY.

BUT YUAN SHAO WILL CHALLENGE IMPERIAL HAN AND LET HIS REPUTATION BITE THE DUST. THAT SHALL BE INDISPUTABLE TRUTH.

YES. BY ADVISOR CHEN GONG'S ORDERS,

WE MAKE A MESS FIRST, THEN WISH YUAN AND CAO WOULD GO TO WAR SOON!

YOU INSTIGATORS MUST BE LU BU'S MEN.

DON'T GET YOUR HOPES UP. THE EMPEROR'S EDICT IS NOW IN MY HANDS.

ADVISOR CHEN GONG ASKED ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING IN PERSON.

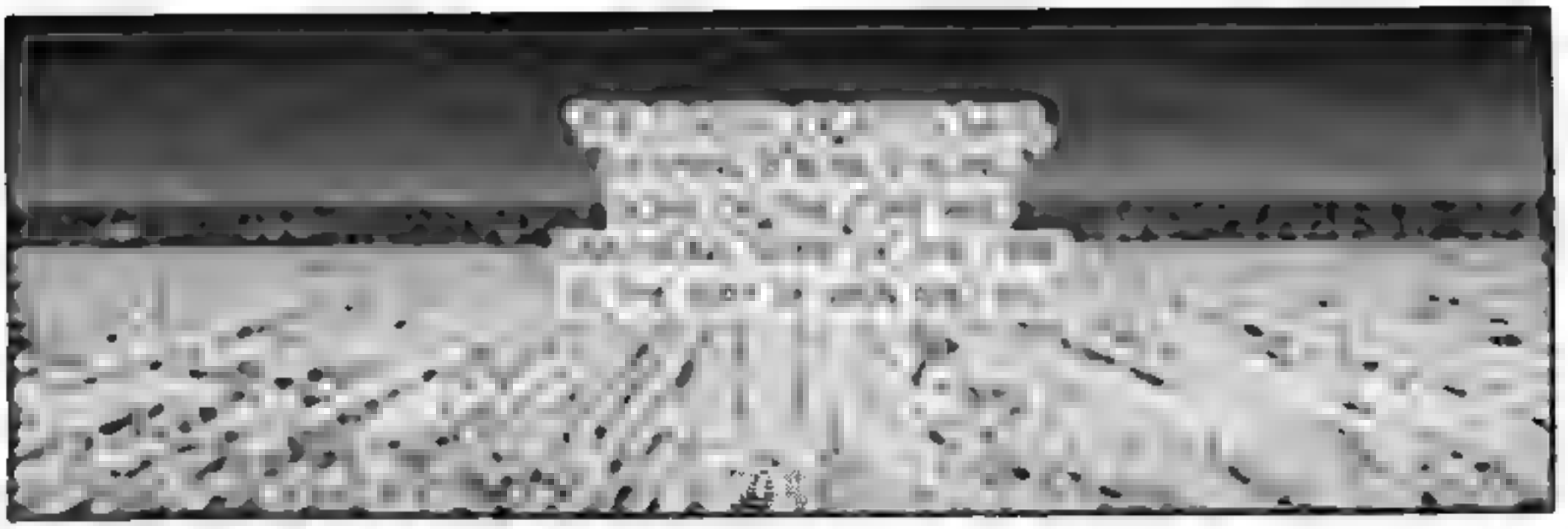
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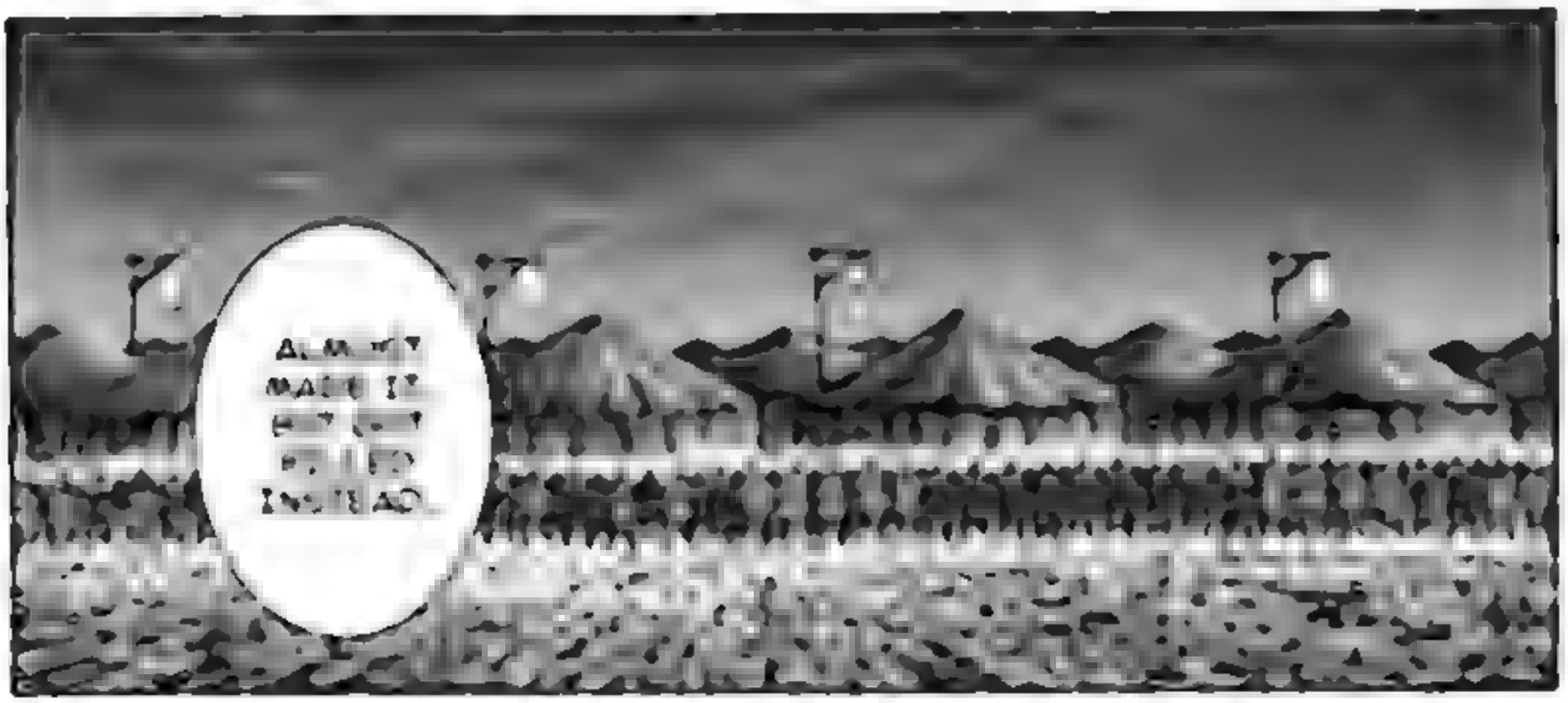
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WHAT ELSE DID CHEN GONG SAY?

THERE IS A PERFECT JOB FOR YOU IN HELL.

THE THIRD ANTI-DIPLOMATIC MOVE




ALMOST
MADE IT
IN
IRAQ.


CITY.

IT'S A PITY HOW OUR CLOSE TIES IN THE PAST WOULD BE BROKEN BY A MUTINY.

IN ALL HONESTY, I KNEW THE CONSEQUENCES OF OPPOSING YOU.

YOU MADE A WISE DECISION TO PUT ASIDE YOUR HATRED AND SUPPLY ME WITH RATIONS.

BUT WE WERE FORCED TO LET THIS TRAGEDY TAKE PLACE.

I WAS TOO YOUNG TO DISCOVER THE AMBITION OF MY UNCLES, AND I AM DEEPLY ASHAMED FOR THAT.

BESIDES, THEY HAVE COMMITTED MANY OTHER SERIOUS CRIMES BACK WHEN THEY WERE IN CHARGE. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO ATONE FOR THEIR SINS.

I DON'T LIKE TO EMPLOY QUESTIONABLE PEOPLE, BUT XUN AND GUO HAVE ASKED ME NOT TO WASTE YOUR TALENTS.

MORE THAN JUST A BUSINESS RELATION, IT SEEMS.

THEY REMINDED ME ABOUT THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN YOUR CLAN AND XUZHOU'S CHEN CLAN.

FOR THIS TRIP TO XUZHOU, I INTEND TO USE THIS RELATION TO HELP ME REMOVE AN EYESORE.

LU BU?

SO THIS WOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT EITHER, RIGHT?

TAKING LIU CHONG'S LIFE WAS NO PROBLEM FOR YOU,

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小時候唸歷史，總覺得古代的中國受盡外族欺凌。

現在年紀大了，反而會查根究柢：

原來外族還不是受盡我們欺壓，逼於反抗。

侵略卻寫成遠征，這種謊話只有史家才會寫。

戰爭是不幸，但是寫史的，總是各據一方，受盡擺佈。

不說古代，就連近代史也是亂七八糟。

總覺得，歷史不可信

起因是放屁，結果是大便，人命如草紙。

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